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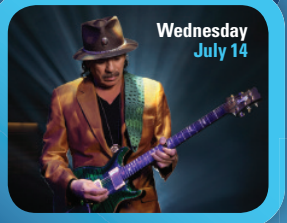

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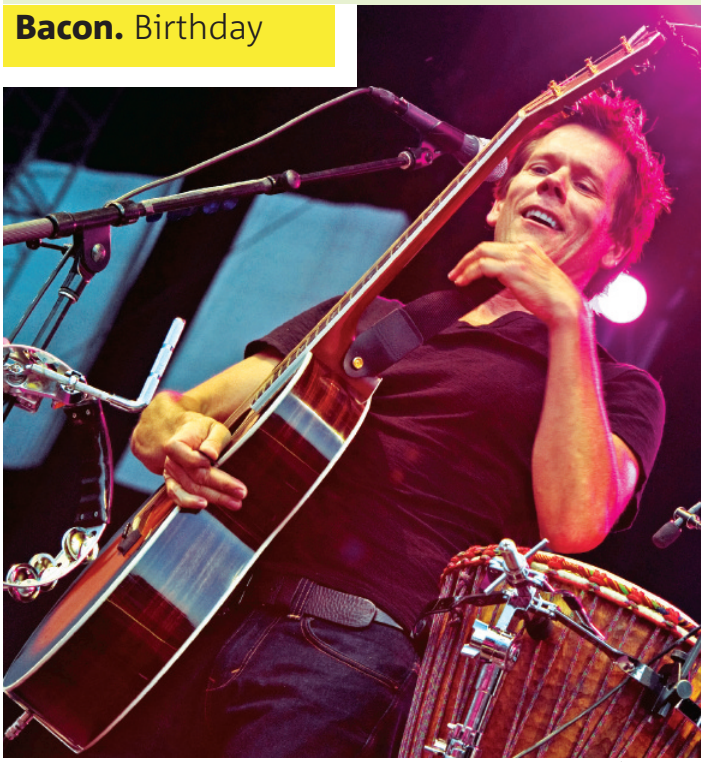

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Bacon at Bluesfest on his birthday

Actor Kevin Bacon put on another hat Thursday — his 52nd birthday — that of singer for The Bacon Brothers, at Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest. Kevin and his brother Michael have performed together for 15 years. More photos at metronews.ca/local

Raising HOPE with volleyball

Volleyball tournament, music fest goes Saturday {page 4}

Heat gets to LeBron James

NBA star ditches his hometown for South Florida {page 29}

Johnston a 'humble man'

New Governor General expected to make his mark in field of education Is known for merging business and scientific communities at University of Waterloo

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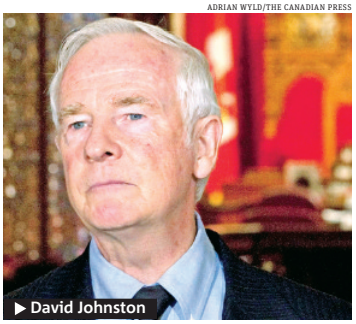

David Johnston

Canada's next Governor General is the model for a character in a romantic potboiler, a star hockey player at Harvard, a decorated academic and a prolific author.

His resume is packed with titles, accomplishments and awards.

He has rebuffed pleas to run for different federal parties, says a longtime friend who describes his politics as moderately right of centre.

For all the dazzle, David Johnston is a safe choice for a prime minister navigating the precarious waters of minority government.

Everyone agrees the 69-year-old Johnston is thoughtful, diplomatic and humble enough to know when to step out of the limelight. But he's also affable enough to garner respect from a broad array of Canadians.

"He is, of course, the consummate professional," said his friend Tom Jenkins, executive chairman of Open Text Corp. "He is one of those individuals who is very comfortable leading from behind. He's a very humble man. But he is one of great capability."

Johnston was the son of a hardware merchant who was born in Sudbury, and grew up in nearby Sault Ste. Marie. He spent his youth playing hockey and studying law, earning degrees at Harvard, Cambridge, and Queen's University in Kingston.

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‘Fisherwood’ puts play in motion

Country superstar Carrie Underwood and Ottawa Senators forward Mike Fisher are to get married this weekend, CTV Ottawa reports.

CTV says the couple will get hitched at a resort that will be shut down exclusively for the “Fisher-Wood” wedding.

But the location of the wedding is being kept secret and most of the guests don’t even know where the wedding will take place.

CTV says the guests won’t find out where they’re travelling to until they show up at the airport on Thursday and are given tickets to their destination.

Among the guests are Fisher’s teammates, Chris Phillips and Chris Neil.

Fisher proposed seven months ago, just days before Christmas.

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▶ Carrie Underwood and Mike Fisher together at a Grammy Awards function in Beverly Hills, Calif. in January.

Kids’ camp opens up world of technology

Camp is run entirely by IBM volunteers Students selected from five area schools

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Technology is more than just computers.

That’s a message that about 30 young students are learning in a unique way this week at the ASPIRE technology camp held at the IBM Canada office on Riverside Drive.

ASPIRE — which stands for A Smarter Planet Is Reachable for Everyone — aims to give kids a better understanding of how technology impacts our lives, what they can do with it and how it can be applied to different fields, said camp co-chair Deb McKay.

McKay said the camp is designed to keep the kids moving and engaged in different activities.

One activity involved making homemade ice cream and learning about the chemical processes involved in that. The kids also learned to extract DNA from fruit using common household ingredients.

“We’re trying to give them all kinds of perspectives that technology is not just about the computer, but how there are processes and collection of data and how we do things.”

DEB MCKAY, ASPIRE CAMP CO-CHAIR

“You add alcohol to a cup, and then a bunch of fizzy stuff and that turns it into a gloop,” said Muna Atef, describing the process.

The free camp is run by local IBM volunteers, and aimed at encouraging young people to develop an interest in math, science, technology and engineering.

“We’re learning to make the world a smarter place,” said Meron Samuel, who is entering Grade 7 at Glashan Public School.

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▶ Muna Atef and Meron Samuel, both entering Grade 7 at Glashan Public School, play on a laptop at the IBM ASPIRE technology camp for local boys and girls aged 11-13. IBM is hosting a similar camp just for girls later this month.

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HEAT WAVE

Leave pets at home, says OHS

The heat wave over the last week has left Ottawans sweaty and uncomfortable.

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The Ottawa Humane Society is imploring people to leave their pets at home after removing two dogs locked inside hot cars over the past few days.

OHS agents rescued a German shepherd mix from a car that registered 44 C inside the vehicle, and a Maltese mix that was panting and vomiting from the heat.

Since the beginning of June, the OHS has responded to more than 75 calls about dogs left in hot vehicles.

Anyone who spots an animal inside a hot vehicle, should call 613-725-1532. TRACEY TONG

Volleyballers hit beach for charity

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

▶ Polaris Music Long List nominee Hawksley Workman is the headliner at HOPE Volleyball SummerFest.

Blazing heat ideal for beach volleyball and outdoor concerts

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More than 25,000 spectators and 10,000 participants are expected to attend the 28th annual HOPE Volleyball SummerFest, held at Mooney's Bay Saturday.

Although rain is forecasted for Friday, none is forecasted for the day of the event, meaning an "event tradition" may be broken this year.

"It's rained every year for the last 10 years," said executive director Holly Tarrison. "But people are pretty good. The participants and volunteers will stay through anything."

This year, 1,025 teams will be playing to raise money for five charities, including the CHEO Foundation, the Ottawa Humane Society, Operation Come Home, Camp Quality–Eastern Region, and the Shepherds of Good Hope. The money will be going towards specific programs, Tarrison said.

"When there's a face to where the money is going, it kind of excites people to give more, she said.

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▶ Holly Tarrison

HOPE event to rock out

It may be too late to get in on volleyball action, but HOPE Volleyball is just as well known for its musical lineup. The event features headliner Hawksley Workman, local bands Amos the Transparent, Ty Hall and Hollerado and Toronto band The Johnstones. "We always try to have local bands, to give people a chance, said HOPE Volleyball's Holly Tarrison. TRACEY TONG

uOttawa scientist gets big cash for spinal research

A research scientist at the University of Ottawa received close to $500,000 in funding for a project to develop a new strategy for spinal cord regeneration.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council awarded a grant to Professor Xudong Cao under the Collaborative Health Research Projects program.

In his research, Cao proposes the use of a biodegradable nerve guide that promotes cell regeneration by recruiting the patient's own cells to repair the spinal cord.

The knowledge gained from this project creates an entirely new stem cell therapy approach that could be extended to other organ systems and lead to advancements in the understanding of the therapeutic potential of stem cells.

Cao is working with Dr. Eve Tsai, an assistant professor in the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Medicine, associate scientist at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute and a well-known neurosurgeon, and Dr. May Griffith, assistant professor in the Faculty of Medicine and researcher at the University of Ottawa Eye Institute.

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Have a Summer Fling with the theatre

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A new theatre series in the heart of downtown will fill a gap in Ottawa's theatre scene, said a local director Thursday.

"Most professional theatre runs ... from September to May or June," said Kate Hurman, a board member for the Arts Court.

"So if people are interested in seeing theatre in the summer, they have to leave town ... You have to go to Blythe, or Stratford or to Shaw."

Last summer, the Arts Court and the Downtown Rideau Business Improvement Association partnered to put on a single production. It was so successful, they're offering nine shows in six venues this summer.

Educating Rita — of which Hurman is director — is the opening show for the Downtown Rideau Summer Fling — A Theatrical Affair.

It's nice, she said, "to showcase local talent and use businesses here to put on a production so we don't have to go out to find work, we can just stay home.

"This fills a huge gap."

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

▶ Sarah McVie as Rita, and John Koensgen as Frank, star in Willy Russell's Educating Rita, which launches the Summer Fling theatre series at Arts Court next Wednesday.

Series overview

Downtown Rideau Summer Fling — A Theatrical Affair will offer 80 performances over 41 days.

- The festival is almost 100 per cent local, with upwards of 75 Ottawa-based performers and production personnel.
- Educating Rita is loosely based on the stories Pygmalion and My Fair Lady, said director Kate Hurman, "only in My Fair Lady, we hadn't reached feminism yet. With Educating Rita, we're in feminism."

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Hot music, hot weather and cool volunteers

One Bluesfest worker has 'perfect' tip for beating the heat — wet towel around the neck, with a little ice

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▶ Volunteers Amanda Delorey, left, and Sabrina (Red Bull) Szolza stock up on ice and bottled water at Bluesfest.

Bluesfest kicked off in a heat wave this week, but the festival's 4,000 volunteers have found ways to survive the stifling weather.

For Tammy Parent, the festival's director of volunteer services, the key to protecting her volunteers is spelled H-2-0.

"Our volunteers actually seem quite smart about the heat," she said. "We are obviously reminding them to stay hydrated, to come hydrated and to bring stuff with them to stay hydrated ... When they check in for their shift they're offered extra water."

The crowd has been heat-smart, too, said Parent, and non-alcoholic beverage and water sales are way up.

Volunteers had their own tricks to beat the heat. Lewis Robart, for example, says much depends on the sort of job you end up doing: "I work in the beer tent so it's out of the sun anyway."

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A special bus service will replace the O-Train for five weeks from July 12 to August 14. Visit octranspo.com for a route map and schedule.

The rail rehabilitation work will result in a quieter ride, lower operating and maintenance costs, and reduced wear and tear on the trains.

Coinciding with the track repairs, the trains will receive needed propulsion system upgrades and an overhaul of their power-packs. This will extend their life expectancy, provide a better ride, and improve service reliability and performance.

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Keep a cool head when it comes to summer work wear

Despite the rising mercury, hot weather is no excuse to throw away dress codes at work, a local etiquette expert said Thursday.

Whenever it gets hot, Julie Blais Comeau sees fashion faux-pas pop up in workplaces.

And while many employers are more relaxed in the summer, there are a few things to keep in mind, she said.

"Don't wear anything that you would wear at the beach," she said. "Flip-flops are very distracting. And they can be quite unsightly."

Sunglasses should also be removed from your head once indoors.

"Consider the organization you represent, your position and the time of day when you are getting dressed," Blais Comeau said.

TRACEY TONG

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Affordable housing plan needed: ACORN

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▶ ACORN member Sheila Searles leads demonstrators in chants and songs outside John Baird's constituency office.

- Group rallies at minister's office
- Passing drivers 'honk for housing'

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"Stable housing is like a life raft ... When a person gets to jump and go into something different, go into a job or schooling, you've got to be able to jump with the confidence that the housing's going to be there."
SHANNON LEE MANNION, ACORN

About two dozen people gathered outside cabinet minister John Baird's constituency office to call for a national affordable housing strategy. Members of the local chapter of the Association for Community Reforms Now (ACORN) came out in support of Bill C-304, a private members' bill introduced by NDP MP Libby Davies.

"We're one of the richest countries in the world, and every other (G-8) country has a national housing strategy. Shame on Canada for not having a national housing strategy," ACORN board member Kathleen Fortin said. "There's 10,000 people here in Ottawa on the waiting list for housing."

After the rally, the group attempted to meet with Baird. Office staff refused to open the door, so demonstrators taped a sign to the office door and slipped an information sheet under it.

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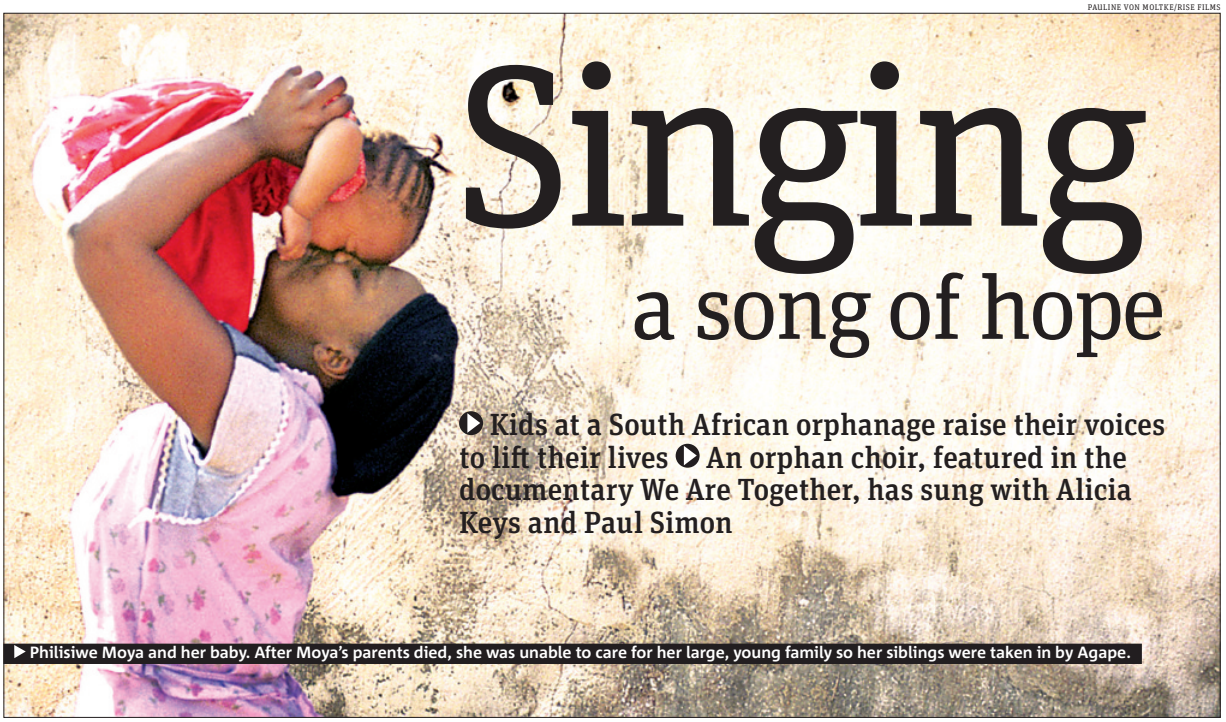
Singing a song of hope

Kids at a South African orphanage raise their voices to lift their lives An orphan choir, featured in the documentary We Are Together, has sung with Alicia Keys and Paul Simon

▶ Philisiwe Moya and her baby. After Moya's parents died, she was unable to care for her large, young family so her siblings were taken in by Agape.

ELISABETH BRAW
METRO WORLD NEWS

When Lucia Nzunkulu was three years old, her mother tired of her and abandoned her at her father's house.

But he didn't want her either.

That was the best thing that could have happened to Lucia, now 14.

"My father had a new family and wanted nothing to do with us," she explained. "He didn't care if we ate or not."

Lucia and her three-week-old brother ended up at Agape, an orphanage in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, that provides food, shelter and education for some 50 children.

"This is where I belong," said Lucia. "The people here won't dump me like my mother, who said she'd come back but didn't. People ask, 'How's your orphanage?' I say, 'You mean my home, right?'"

Perhaps more unusually, Agape provides music.

In fact, the children have become such accomplished singers that they're the subject of an award-winning documentary, We Are Together.

"Music is central to the orphanage," said filmmaker Paul Taylor, who is a trustee of the Rise Foundation, which he founded after making the film, to support the Agape children's education.

"The children have beautiful voices, but Agape's focus on music isn't just about performing. Music is therapeutic to the children."

Lucia already knows that singing has changed her life.

"When I joined the choir I knew nothing about music," she said.

"But South Africans like to sing, and at Agape we sing before we eat and before we pray. Thanks to the choir, I've been to both London and New York."

Thanks to Agape, Lucia can allow herself to think about the future.

Now, she dreams of becoming a math professor or a fashion designer.

And she plans to leave South Africa, which was recently ranked the world's most economically unequal country.

"But most of all, I want to make my own living," said Lucia. "I just want to make the people who've helped me proud."

What is Agape?

- Agape is home to 50 children whose parents have died from HIV/AIDS, or are unable to care for them.
- The children range in age from one to 17. Rise Foundation funds their access to an education.
- The orphanage was founded in 2001 by Zodwa Mqadi, funded by charities and the church. Three volunteers live with the kids full time.

▶ Mtho records in the studio.

▶ Alicia Keys mugs for the camera with Agape kids.

Rising horizons

The choir has performed in Durban, Johannesburg, New York, California, all over the Netherlands and to 90,000 people at Nelson Mandela's 90th birthday party at Hyde Park in London, England.

On its album, the choir performs with Ladysmith Black Mambazo and the Soweto Gospel Choir. It has appeared on a Dan Zanes album. And the choir has performed on stage with Alicia Keys and Paul Simon.

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World's outcry halts 'medieval punishment'

Blogs publicized stoning sentence Not clear if Iranian woman still faces execution by other means

The case of an Iranian woman sentenced to death by stoning drew international outrage after her lawyer's blog posts sparked a global campaign to save her life, and British media reported late Thursday that the stoning would not occur.

The Iranian Embassy in London said Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani would no longer face death by stoning, according to Channel 4 News and The Guardian newspaper. A message seeking comment from the embassy was not immediately returned..

Ashtiani's face, framed in a black chador, stared from the front page of The Times of London yesterday, while The Guardian carried an interview with Ashtiani's children — 22-year-old Sajad and 17-year-old Farideh — who described the sentence as a nightmare. Protests are planned in front of the Iranian Embassy over the weekend.

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▶ Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani

Stoning is a "medieval punishment which has no role in the modern world," British Foreign Secretary William Hague told reporters yesterday. "If the punishment is carried out, it will disgust and appall the watching world," Hague said in a media conference with Turkey's foreign minister Ahmet Davutoglu in London. He appealed to Tehran to halt the planned execution.

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Spain. Fiesta

▶ A San Fermin reveller is hurled to the cobblestones.

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Bulls gore 2 in scary run

Thousands took part yesterday in the dangerous second running of the bulls in Pamplona that left two people gored, and at least five others hospitalized.

Soaked Prairie farmers pocket aid

The federal and three Prairie provincial governments announced plans yesterday to pump an additional $450 million into a program to cover farmland that either couldn't be seeded or was washed out after seeding due to near non-stop rain in the spring and early summer.

Affected Prairie producers will receive $30 per acre — that's $12.41 a hectare. Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz called the aid "the largest and fastest relief package" ever delivered under the AgriRecovery program.

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The hectare loss of total seeded acreage this year because of rain, according to estimates yesterday. The normal number of hectares is 24 million.

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Ignatieff tones down rhetoric on trip to China

Had 'very direct' exchange with leaders about human rights abuses But it's not enough, critics say

Michael Ignatieff is making no apologies for toning down his once-strident criticisms of China's human-rights record.

The Liberal leader says he spoke directly and frankly about human rights during every meeting with Chinese officials during a six-day trip to Beijing and Shanghai.

But he admits he chose his words carefully, trying to strike a balance between chiding China and courting closer relations with the economic powerhouse.

With millions of Canadian jobs potentially at stake, Ignatieff says it would be reckless and inappropriate for him to simply deliver "amateur sermons" to the Chinese on human rights.

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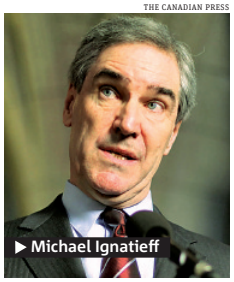

▶ Michael Ignatieff

Before entering politics in 2006, Ignatieff headed the Carr Centre for Human Rights at Harvard University. He once lumped China in with North Korea and Libya as "outlier" states on human rights and suggested China is building its prosperity on "slavery."

His comments while in China have been markedly less provocative and Ignatieff has been blasted by some critics for tip-toeing around the issue.

"It's appropriate to choose your words carefully here," he said.

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London. Cashing in

▶ A staff member displays handfuls of coins of Tetricus I (AD 271-274) on display at the British Museum.

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Metal detector pays off for Brit

British treasure-hunter Dave Crisp, using a metal detector, found about 52,500 Roman coins (worth about $5 million US) in a field in southwest England — one of the biggest hoards ever found there.

News in brief

Good news for Alta. teachers

PAY HIKE. The Alberta government says it is giving the province's teachers their bargained wage hike starting Sept. 1 because of "better than expected" fiscal results.

The provincial education minister says the 2.92 per cent increase will take effect this year, rather than over a longer term. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

General strike No. 6 in Greece

ATHENS. The Greek government is battling growing discontent over a new round of economic austerity, with fresh strikes, public hostility, and party dissent testing the nation's ability to make it out of its debt crisis.

Unions on Thursday staged their sixth general strike this year — halting public transport and services, stopping ferry departures and closing schools, newspapers, courts and public hospitals.

Gay is now OK in a new way

RELIGION. Leaders of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have voted to allow non-celibate gays in committed relationships to serve as clergy. In a vote held Thursday, 53 per cent of delegates approved of the new, more liberal policy.

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Islanders watch for 'Barefoot Bandit'

The search for a suspected teenage thief known as the "Barefoot Bandit" intensified Thursday on a sparsely populated island in the Bahamas, with police using dogs to search thick groves of trees where he is believed to hide during the daytime before emerging at night to loot local shops.

The manhunt for Colton Harris-Moore entered its fifth day on Great Abaco Island, where police believe he has been hiding out since ditching a stolen plane offshore.

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▶ In a courtroom sketch, confessed Russian agents at their hearing in Manhattan.

Booted out

Ten Russian agents who posed as U.S. citizens to be deported Biggest spy swap since Cold War

In the biggest spy swap since the Cold War, 10 confessed Russian agents who infiltrated suburban America were ordered deported Thursday in exchange for four people convicted of betraying Moscow to the West.

The 10 defendants, many speaking in heavy Russian accents despite having spent years posing as U.S. citizens, pleaded guilty to conspiracy in a Manhattan courtroom.

They were sentenced to time served and ordered out of the country.

U.S. officials said the Russian government would release four convicted spies to the U.S. in exchange for the 10 people captured last week in suburban homes across the Northeast.

"The network of unlawful agents operating inside the United States has been dismantled," said the State Department's Mark Toner.

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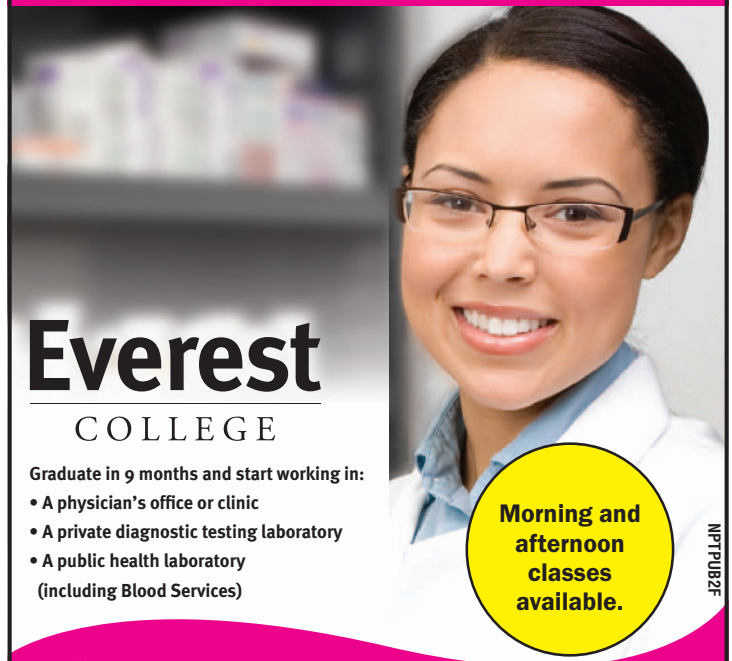

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▶ Actor Kevin Costner, co-founder of Ocean Therapy, speaks during the announcement that the Ella G. vessel to will be deployed carrying his company's centrifuge system to separate oil and water in Port Fourchon, La., Thursday.

Officials: Relief well ahead of schedule

Shaving days off timeline stops millions of litres of oil Best hope for stemming Gulf of Mexico gusher

A relief well being drilled deep into the seafloor of the Gulf of Mexico to shut down the gushing well could be completed ahead of a long-set deadline of mid-August only if conditions are ideal, government and BP officials said Thursday.

National Incident Commander and retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen said Thursday that the relief well is expected to intercept and penetrate the Deepwater Horizon well pipe about 18,000 feet below sea level within seven to 10 days.

But they won't know how long it will take to stop the oil until they get there.

The gushing well has several concentric rings, and oil could be coming up through multiple rings, Allen said.

The plan is to pump heavy mud and then cement into the well to overcome the upward pressure of the huge oil reservoir below.

If the oil is coming through the outer ring of the well, then they will have to pump in mud and cement to stop that layer first.

Then they would have to drill through the hardened cement and repeat the process in each ring until they reach the centre pipe and do it again.

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Fish species found

Researchers have discovered two previously unknown species of bottom-dwelling fish in the Gulf of Mexico, living right in the area affected by the BP oil spill.

▶ Researchers identified new species of pancake batfishes, a flat fish rarely seen because of the dark depths they favour. They are named for the clumsy way they "walk" along the sea bottom, like a bat crawling.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Spy caper latest knock on passport security

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▶ Christopher Metsos

An alleged spy who disappeared after being freed on bail in Cyprus assumed the identity of a dead five-year-old Canadian boy to obtain a passport, raising fresh questions about travel document security.

The apparent abuse of the Canadian passport system by Christopher Metsos underscores a persistent gap that has long prevented federal officials from easily verifying the data on birth and citizenship certificates, commonly used by applicants to obtain passports.

Solon Savva, deputy chief of mission at the Cypriot High Commission to Canada, confirmed statements from the Mediterranean island's justice minister that Metsos, 54, held "a valid, genuine Canadian passport" obtained using the identity of a Canadian who died at age five.

Metsos is among 11 people — four of whom claim to be Canadian — indicted on charges of conspiring to act as secret agents in the United States on behalf of the Russian Federation.

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Flawed system

Auditor general Sheila Fraser had warned in 2005 that Passport Canada had no easy way of verifying proof of citizenship.

1. The passport agency noted its involvement in a planned National Routing System project that would create links to Citizenship and Immigration Canada and to provincial and territorial bureaus that hold birth and death records.
2. Canadian Security Intelligence Service director Dick Fadden said this week that foreign spies value the Canadian passport.

3 arrested in alleged terror plot

Three suspected al-Qaida members were arrested Thursday in a Norwegian bomb plot linked to the same terrorist planners behind thwarted schemes to blow up New York's subway and a British shopping mall. The alleged Norwegian plot, underscoring changing al-Qaida tactics in the decade since the 9-11 attacks, was said to involve powerful peroxide bombs similar to ones aimed for detonation in New York and Manchester, England. All three plans were organized by Saleh al-Somali, al-Qaida's former chief of external operations, who had been in charge of plotting attacks worldwide,

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Merck shuts down in Montreal

Decades of in-house research in Canada by a foreign pharmaceutical giant will come to an end this year when Merck & Co. closes its Montreal research facility and lays off most of the nearly 200 highly trained people who work there. The Merck Frosst Centre for Therapeutic Research, in a sprawling campus in the city's west end, will be phased out by the end of the year as part of a global restructuring that will affect roughly 16,000 jobs worldwide. An undisclosed number of the 180 people employed at the Montreal research centre will be offered new positions with Merck outside Canada.

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Windsor garage collapses

Officials say a search and rescue team has determined no one was trapped when an underground parking garage collapsed Thursday in Windsor.

An emergency was declared so city officials could call in a provincial urban search and rescue team from Toronto. A man in his 20s was sent to hospital after being injured by the collapse.

A 35-unit apartment building adjacent to the garage was also evacuated because of structural concerns. Officials say the residents will be put up in a downtown Windsor hotel while engineers examine the building's structure.

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Online. Kids

▶ Katrina, front, and Sloane already have fans in several countries.

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Flying high on fitness and fun

Katrina Pacher, 11, her friend Sloane Wilson, 12, demonstrate some of the moves they use while video taping segments for their website called Fit For A Feast, in Oakville, Ont. The website encourages kids to be active, and features the girls in a range of dance moves and sports.

YouTube wants you relaxed

YouTube is trying to become as brainless and painless to watch as the boob tube, and on Wednesday it debuted a format called Leanback. The feature picks out high-definition clips most likely to command a person's attention and then automatically serves up one video after another.

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Millions for Millionaire creators

A federal jury on Wednesday awarded$269.2 million US in damages to the creators of Who Wants to Be a Millionaire because they didn't get their fair share of profits from the popular Walt Disney Co. television game show.

The award goes to British TV production company Celador International. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

N.B. may get nuclear reactor

New Brunswick is eyeing the possibility of building a second nuclear reactor under an agreement signed with French nuclear giant Areva, the provincial government announced Thursday.

The plant could create 8,000 construction jobs and close to 500 permanent positions.

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Canadian economy still on track: IMF

Our growth remains ahead of the U.S. IMF predicts slower growth worldwide in 2011

Canada's economy is on track to grow more quickly this year than previously expected, putting it ahead of most other advanced economies, according to new estimates from International Monetary Fund.

The IMF said Thursday it's raising the 2010 growth forecast for Canada to 3.6 per cent from its previous estimate of 3.1 per cent, issued in April.

The IMF's July report also raised its U.S. growth estimate to 3.3 per cent, up from 3.1 per cent, and its world estimate to 4.6 per cent from 4.2 per cent.

Asian countries with rapidly maturing economies will grow more quickly than the United States, Japan and European countries that have historically been more advanced.

China's growth for this year, for instance, is now projected at 10.5 per cent, up five percentage points, while the IMF expects India's economy will advance 9.4 per cent this year (up six percentage points from the April projection.)

3.6%
The IMF's prediction for Canada's growth rate this year. In contrast, the U.S. growth projection for this year is 3.3 per cent.

Next year isn't looking so rosey for Canada, however.

The IMF has lowered its projection for 2011 growth by four percentage points to 2.8 per cent. Also notable was a reduction in the IMF's 2011 projection for China, which has been reduced by three percentage points from April's.

The IMF, a Washington-based multnational organization affiliated with the United Nations and the World Bank, said Europe's debt crisis might stall the global rebound and governments need to shore up shaky public confidence.

Its quarterly World Economic Outlook warned that "risks have risen sharply" and Europe has to quickly resolve debt problems and restore confidence in its banks.

Europe's problems "could spill over to other regions and stall the global recovery," said Jose Vinals, director of the fund's monetary and capital markets department, at a news conference in Hong Kong.

"Further credible and decisive policy action is needed to resume progress on financial stability," Vinals said.

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Marketers struggle to keep up with change

Sony Canada gave up on television commercials about five years ago, opting instead to shift its marketing efforts to web icons such as Google.

But social media sites felt like new territory to the electronics giant. Then last fall, the company ran a Handycam contest on the Yummy Mummy Club website, which is headed by former MuchMusic VJ Erica Ehm.

Executives were initially skeptical but the contest was a hit with camera-buying moms. "We could clearly measure the sales," said Ravi Nookala, senior vice-president of marketing for Sony Canada.

Nookala and other senior marketing executives shared their insights on the challenge of new media during a panel discussion in Toronto on Thursday.

"I think it's tougher to be a marketer now than it has ever been in our business," Brett Marchand, Cossette's president and chief operating officer told the breakfast crowd. Marchand is best known as the driving force behind Molson Canada's "I Am Canadian" campaign. "Now it's much more complex."

▶ Erica Ehm

Marketers are struggling not just with a lukewarm recovery following the worst recession in decades, but also to understand the new crop of consumers. The under-30 generation, known as millenials, are completely comfortable with the latest technology, are expert multi-taskers, devoted to environmental and community causes, and prefer to spend their time online with mobile and social media, rather than with television. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

New tactics

Cossette and IMI recently surveyed about 230 Canadian marketing executives. Here's what they found:

62% think it's a good idea to increase their marketing budget.

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▶ Rick Mofina

5 MINUTES WITH: RICK MOFINA

Ottawa author Rick Mofina draws on his experiences as a crime reporter for his novels. His 11th, The Panic Zone, hit store shelves this month.

We know you as an Ottawa thriller writer, but your books are set mostly everywhere else. Is this because there's a limit to how much mayhem could reasonably occur in Ottawa, even in a novel?
Well, I just like the stories to travel. I travelled as a reporter and I think the reader likes a bit of a trip with the story as well, so I find it's fun. It keeps it fresh for me.

Apart from your background, are there other good reasons why your main character tends to be a reporter?
It's a good base for me to draw from. Most of my books have been reporter books, and I guess I'm comfortable there. I think what that structure lends itself to is also kind of unlimited, really. As you know, in the news business you can encounter everything and anything.

Jack Gannon is your third protagonist. How do you know when it's time to retire a hero?
The short answer is you never really know. When you're tired of the character I think is the first sign to retire them, when the author thinks that they've had enough.

Is there any chance of hearing from (past protagonists) Jason Wade or Tom Reed again?
There's always a possibility but I think they're kind of in the wings right now, to be honest. Jack has centre stage. Anything's possible because the Wade books are just being released in the U.K. and Australia.

You've got book signings in Ottawa next week. How are those for you?
It's just great to meet readers who've come out to the signings and say hello. I'm very well received here in Ottawa and I really enjoy it. I'm typically shy, but it's kind of nice.

Are hometown readers different than those from elsewhere?
Yeah, I think there's a sense of familiarity in that I share the same area code with everybody here. I have had, on one or two occasions, a person come up to me on the street and say, "Are you the author?" Only once or twice in a few years, though. I like being anonymous.

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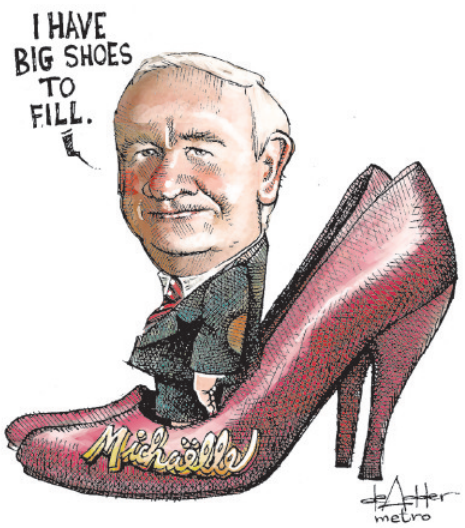

Who cares about third?

Letters & Tweets

Tweets about the World Cup

EDMONTON. @mikeatqazam @metroedmonton: I never watch the third place game, that's like watching the bronze medal game in Olympics. Don't really care tbh.

@ Scott_Robb @metroedmonton: apparently that octopus was right again! Any word what the octopus says about the final?

We asked: Should Canada cut ties with the monarchy?

TORONTO. No! I think the resounding response the Queen received in Ottawa on Canada Day speaks louder than words.

More than 100,000 people greeted Her Majesty, when typically between 30,000 and 40,000 attend this ceremony. The monarchy is an important part of the history and political system of this country.

When she is visiting Canada she brings tourists and tourist dollars and causes a need and reason for celebration. The monarch has provided leadership and support to our troops; and the Royal Family has provided much to hundreds of charities and worthwhile organizations across the nation. Too much Canadian history has been eradicated for the sake of political correctness.

MARK STENABAUGH

The octopus is Paul

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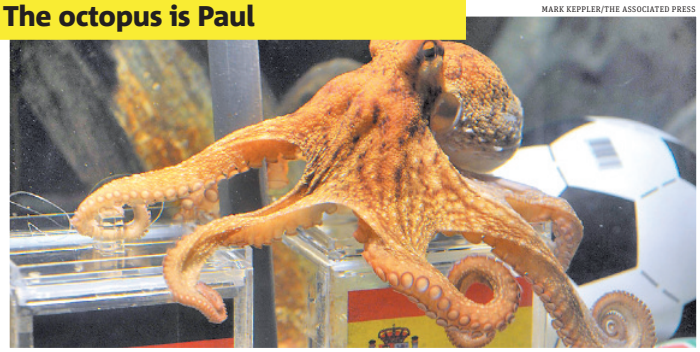

What's your best pickup line?

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Noteworthy

Attire may keep girls' soccer team home

Iran may not send its girls' soccer team to the Youth Olympics in Singapore next month because of a dispute over the players' Islamic attire.

The deputy head of Iran's physical education department said the outfit isn't what was agreed on.

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Metro Minute with pole dancing at 3Sixty Dance

Summer is about to get a whole lot hotter.

Ladies, if you're tired of your usual fitness routine, get bikini ready at free pole dancing classes at 3Sixty Dance and Fitness at 333 Catherine St. from 5-9 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Classes, which begin every hour, on the hour, are on a drop-in basis and will cover floor work that focuses on flexibility, strength and essential movements, as well as basic moves and tricks on the pole. Participants should prepare to get sweaty in this women-only class.

TRACEY TONG

Three days to play

WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD CUP FINAL SUNDAY?

Chris Baczynski
OTTAWA
It's a tough call but I'd probably place my bet on Spain 1-0. Their game against Germany was quite a surprise, so if they can pull it again, they might make the cup.

Ka Ku
OTTAWA
I'm cheering for Spain. Actually, it's because my housemate is from Spain, so we're both cheering for Spain!

PHOTO COURTESY WARNER BROS.

▶ Details are still vague but Inception is apparently a heist film in which corporate spies use dreams to steal information.

Inside the top-secret world of Inception

Actor Cillian Murphy spills the beans on director Christopher Nolan's new thriller ● Gag order was necessary for keeping film fresh for viewers

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Cillian Murphy's been keeping quiet for quite some time, and he's glad his gag order is being lifted.

As part of the cast of Christopher Nolan's mysterious Inception, Murphy has maintaining radio silence while the film was shot and completed, but it wasn't like he and his castmates were exactly forced into secrecy.

"It was quite laidback, really. Warner didn't make us sign stuff. It was just Chris," he tells Metro.

"Chris is quite old-fashioned in many ways as a filmmaker, in his execution of the films," the Irish actor explains.

"He's very keen that people experience a film as freshly as possible. There's such an insatiable demand right now for information and for knowing stuff and plot points and everything immediately. And I think it has taken away a little bit from the enjoyment of seeing a film."

And beyond a desire to be old-fashioned, Murphy admits the twisty nature of Inception made such secrecy necessary.

"I think it was essential for a film like this, which is so high-concept and unique, that we kept as much as possible under wraps," he says. "But it is nice to be able to actually talk about your character."

"What's great about Chris is that he presupposes a level of intelligence in the audience. And I think audiences are grateful for that."
CILLIAN MURPHY ON DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER NOLAN

Of course even now, it's tough to talk about his character without giving too much away.

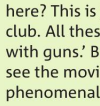
To put it vaguely, Inception is a heist film in which corporate spies use dreams to steal information. Needless to say, it wasn't like anything Murphy had read before.

"I think we've all been reassured that every actor had the same reaction to reading it," he says.

"You feel a little bit dumb when you read it. Because it's so visual, and reading that cold on a page as stage directions, it's very hard to keep track of what's going on."

Murphy on his co-stars

Ellen Page: "She's so funny. We started in London, and she was like, 'What am I doing here? This is just a boys' club. All these guys in suits with guns.' But then you see the movie and she's phenomenal."



Leonardo DiCaprio: "For any actor of my generation, to get to work with Leonardo DiCaprio is a real privilege. That was just such a kick for me."

2 scene

News in brief

1 A judge says a couple accused of trying to extort money from actor John Stamos have offered no evidence that they possessed photos as part of a legitimate business deal.
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2 Edmonton-raised Jill Hennessy, star of Law and Order, will release her debut album later this summer.
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▶ Musician Garratt Mason likes having fresh ears to play to.

Mason follows his blues heart

◗ Juno award winning musician loves playing in Ottawa ◗ Son of blues legend Dutch Mason hopes to continue carrying his dad's musical legacy

RAF BRUSILOW
FOR METRO OTTAWA

Juno-award-winning blues man Garrett Mason speaks softly, but he plays a mean guitar.

The son of Canadian blues legend Dutch Mason, Garrett has carved out his own path by putting his soul into the music and staying true to himself. He plays the Subway stage on July 11.

Q: You've played Bluesfest before, what brings you back to the city?
A: I love playing Ottawa and the festival brings in everyone I want to see. I have a few friends from around there so I always go around a bit. I really want to see Levon Helm and his band — we're playing the same stage as him the same day.

Q: How did winning the Juno for Best Blues Album in 2005 affect you?
A: It brought me from getting no gigs to getting a lot of gigs, it really springboarded my whole career. I got the recognition before I got the experience but I've learned a lot and been on the road a lot.

Q: What's the biggest thing you've learned along the way?
A: The main thing I've learned is don't listen to anybody. Often people have made their own mistakes their own way. I feel I should just follow my heart and make my own mistakes and learn from them. I also think you should take from all things in the past, learn from them and try to create something new. I don't think I've done that yet but that's what I'm striving for.

Q: What do you love about playing live?
A: I like having fresh ears to play to. We're not a big name band, people don't know all of our songs so we have a bit of a challenge to win over the crowd and I kind of like that. When the sound is good on stage and it translates to the crowd, you have moments on stage you'll never forget.

Q: Your father, Dutch Mason, was a Canadian blues legend. Despite that fact that you play a different style of blues, do you still feel that in a way you're carrying his legacy?
A: I think I'll be carrying on his legacy as long as I'm on the road playing music. I've never tried to be like him, I've tried to do my own thing. A long time ago he told me not to be like anyone else, to try and find my own direction. That's the best piece of advice I've ever had.

Cage's turn in kid-flick

Actor stars in The Sorcerer's Apprentice Believes in the need to keep 'child's mind alive'

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Only an actor with the unapologetic chutzpah that Nicolas Cage has would (and could) rebound from a lead role in an R-rated Werner Herzog movie to star in a Disney summer blockbuster.

In last year's blisteringly naughty Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans, Cage played a drug addicted wreck of a cop, who snorts, shoots and smokes his days away, shakes down criminals and steals their crack while trying to care for his equally substance-soaked hooker girlfriend.

The turn was a classic Cage freak-out, which is why many fans of that film might question his appearance in kid-friendly The Sorcerer's Apprentice, opening wide next Wednesday.

"I did the movie because I believe in family entertainment," Cage said. "I can do a film with Bad Lieutenant and I love it, but I also love being able to defy expectations and more importantly, to be a part of a film that parents can take their children to, that serves as an event, something that the whole family can experience together and have fun with."

The Sorcerer's Apprentice sees Cage essaying the role of ancient Merlin disciple Balthazar, who, while battling his arch nemesis (Alfred Molina) in contemporary New York City, ends up teaming up with a bumbling young science nerd (Jay Baruchel), teaching him the art of wizardry in order to save the planet from certain doom.

▶ Nicolas Cage stars in the kid-friendly movie The Sorcerer's Apprentice, out on Wednesday.

Cloaked in black leather, Cage's Balthazar is like a rock 'n' roll Gandalf. It's yet another role that allows the unapologetic comic book/fantasy movie geek Cage to satiate his inner 12- year-old.

"I think it's important to keep my child's mind alive through the work," says the actor, who is also, among other things, currently planning a follow up to his Marvel Comics adaptation Ghost Rider.

"One of the great tragedies is that life often works against us to kill that kid. Life is filled with betrayals and heartbreaks that in many cases simply kick the kid right out of us, and that's sad."

Behind the Cage

Cage's love of pulp fiction comic book culture extends to his very name. Born Nicolas Coppola, he changed his name to avoid charges of nepotism (his uncle is renowned filmmaker Francis Ford Coppola) by riffing on peripheral Marvel Comics hero Luke Cage. At one point he was in the running to star as Superman in Tim Burton's proposed feature, and he also started his own comic book, Voodoo Child, with his oldest son Weston.

METRO WORLD NEWS

AH, SUPERVILLAINS: THOSE EVIL GENIUSES

InFocus

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Sometimes they are diabolical. Occasionally dastardly. They are, of course, supervillains, the evil geniuses who give Superman, Batman and other caped crusaders a reason to get up in the morning.

Supervillains like Professor Moriarty and Dr. Fu Manchu, with their craving for world domination and habit of calling everyone around them "Fools!," have been scaring moviegoers for decades, but the Professor and the Doctor are rather conventional compared to the Lightning from the 1938 film The Fighting Devil Dogs.

Lightning was the first crime mastermind to wear a wild costume — a black shiny helmet and robe that later inspired Darth Vader's uniform — and he set the tone for hundreds of cinematic supervillians.

In this weekend's Despicable Me, a new super- villain, Gru (Steve Carell), rethinks his plan to steal the moon after becoming a dad. It's a comedic take on the standard baddie, but nonetheless Gru has most of the accoutrements of his evil trade.

Here's a checklist:

Accent: Having a sinister accent is par for the supervillain course. Gru's sounds like a cross between Ricardo Montalban and Bela Lugosi, but he is just the latest in a long line of baddies with a brogue. Who could forget Batman & Robin's icy Mr. Freeze? Played by Arnold Schwarzenegger, the frosty bad guy intoned, "The Ice Man cometh!" in a menacing accent that sounded a lot like, well, Schwarzenegger.

Doomsday Devices: What's an evil overlord without a diabolical device of destruction? Gru has an arsenal of shrink and freeze rays, but those pale by comparison to Doctor Otto Octavius (Alfred Molina) and his Spider-Man 2 explosive super-weapon or the Green Goblin's Pumpkin Bombs — Jack-o'-lanterns that can melt through a three-inch-thick sheet of steel.

Catchphrase: All good supervillains have a motto. Gru could learn a thing or two from the Clown Prince of Crime, the Joker (Jack Nicholson), who cackled, "Have you ever danced with the devil in the pale moonlight?" to his victims before offing them. It's catchy, but not as memorable as Mr. J's other well known quote, "This town needs an enema." Even better is Terence Stamp's haughty command "Kneel before Zod!" from Superman II.

A.K.A.: Finally, Gru fits the baddie bill but does fall down in one aspect of supervillainy, however; no evil nickname. Perhaps he could take his lead from the Joker, a.k.a. "the Harlequin of Hate," and go by the Fiend of Fatherhood.

▶ Jack Nicolson's iconic role as the Joker in Batman.

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Popeye (STC) Tue 7
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Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-1:10-3:50-6:40-9:10
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Marmaduke (G) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:25-2:35-4:50-7-9
Robin Hood (PG) Fri-Thu 10:10-1-6:30
Sex and the City 2 (18A) Fri-Thu 8:50
Shrek Forever After (PG) Fri-Thu 10:05-12:15-2:25-4:40-6:50

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The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1-3:45-6:30-9:15

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Minogue says just dance

Singer regrets not writing about breast cancer battle says new album was made for the dancefloor

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When most musicians deal with something traumatic they often end up writing about it.

Not Kylie Minogue.

About five years ago the Aussie songstress was diagnosed with breast cancer — it's been in remission since 2006 — and she has yet to record an album about the experience. It's something she regrets.

"I did write some tracks for X (her 2007 disc) about my experience, but I didn't include them on the album," she tell Metro over the phone from New York. "The consensus was that they didn't belong on it."

She says she wished she "had the energy to fight" and that she had more confidence to get the songs on the record. But her new album, Aphrodite, doesn't discuss her cancer either. "It's not the moment," she says, adding that she does want to create an "anti-album," one that does have the songs she thinks her fans want to hear.

"How do I do it all? I don't know. I just keep going until I need to shut the door and close my eyes." KYLIE MINOGUE

Instead, the electro, club-ready Aphrodite deals with love, but she steers clear from the heartache she's dealt with throughout much of her life. "And if I lie with you long enough I can see the things I'm dreaming of," she sings on the upbeat Everything is Beautiful. Positive lyrics like that are all over the record.

▶ Kylie Minogue's new album Aphrodite deals with love, steers clear of the heartache the Australian singer has dealt with throughout much of her life.

"I still believe in love," she says. "Not just with one person, but I feel it with my audience and feel it through my music."

While this disc is made for the dance floor, it wasn't supposed to turn out like it did. She wanted to create something with more guitars than keys. "It was supposed to be more organic," she reveals.

But, as the writing process went on she began feeling lost. "I became very confused," she says. "I didn't know what I was trying to achieve."

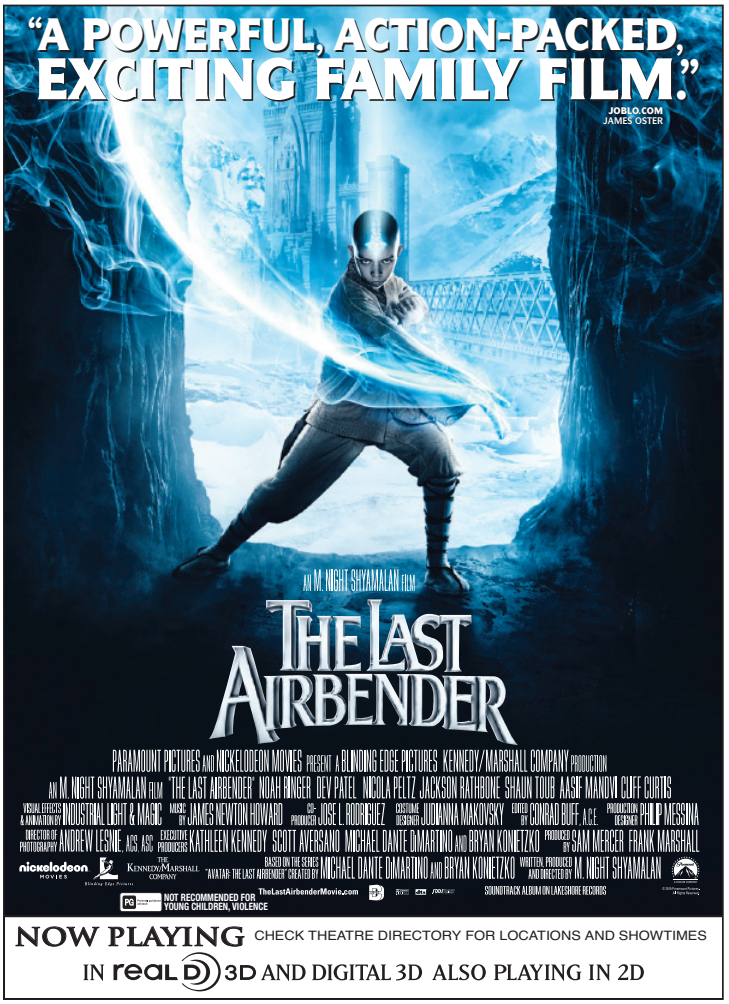
Her songwriters shifted gears, creating the keyboard heavy sound that's on her new effort. She's thrilled with overall result, and adds that the timing for a dance record couldn't have been better.

"Dance has infiltrated the mainstream in Europe," she says. "That sound worked for me and it was good timing."

Rise of a pop star

Kylie Minogue has never been more popular than she is now, but she's far from an overnight success. Here's a quick recap of her long career:

- **1987:** Minogue sings a remake of Locomotion and is suddenly a star
- **1988:** Locomotion helped propel her self-titled debut to #1 on the U.K. charts.
- **1991:** Minogue's fourth record, Let's Get To It, was her first disc not to crack the British top 10.
- **2005:** She's diagnosed with breast cancer and cancels her popular Showgirl tour.
- **2008:** Her "comeback album" and 10th disc X tops Australian charts.
- **2009:** Tours North America for the first time.



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▶ 3OH!3 are back with a new album called Streets of Gold

Keeping it uncomplicated

3OH!3 set out to write songs that are fun to make and perform

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In an age where Lady Gaga tries to pass herself off as high art, it's nice to see that some artists can accept the fact that they're simply in it to have a good time.

3OH!3, for instance, aren't afraid to admit their M.O. is pretty uncomplicated. "We have always set out to make music that is 'fun,'" says Nathaniel Motte. "We want our songs to be fun to make, fun to perform and listen to. If some of those songs are applicable to a party atmosphere, then that's wonderful!"

After selling a few million downloads from 2008's WANT, Motte and partner Sean Foreman applied some newfound skills towards making their second album, Streets of Gold.

3OH!3 haven't abandoned their bread and butter. Streets of Gold is primarily more of the same hook-crammed, synthesized party jams, but Motte has a problem with those who write his band off as "soulless frat boys" that don't have "anything to say about anything."

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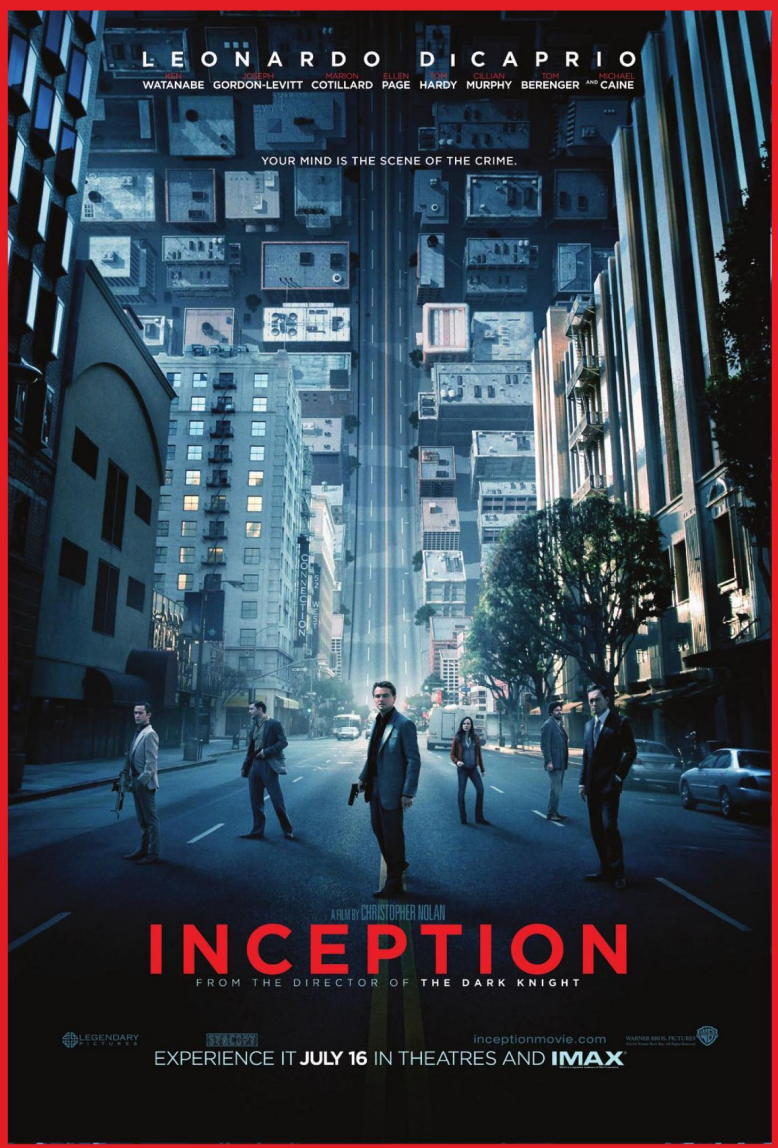

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WHY THE POLARIS PRIZE MATTERS

Sound Check

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The Polaris Music Prize makes people mad. It starts endless arguments and divides people into bitter camps which lob ugly invectives at each other, impugning the enemy's taste and artistic sensibilities. But that's the whole point.

The Polaris winner gets $20,000 for providing the best full-length Canadian album of the year.

Getting to a winner is as complicated as electing a pope — and filled with nearly as much intrigue. Over the course of many months, nearly 200 music journalists, broadcasters, bloggers, critics and general tastemakers weigh in with which albums they think should be considered.

In June, votes are cast to whittling dozens of suggestions down to the 40-album Long List. Tuesday, the results of a second vote were announced, resulting in the 10-album Short List. In September, a jury will be sequestered to debate the artistic qualities of each finalist to determine the winner.

With something set up to be so subjective, you can see where the fights begin. But at least Polaris gets people talking about music. Artists and albums that might otherwise forever remain obscure are discussed and heard, not only domestically but internationally. In an era when far too many people shut themselves off to unfamiliar or disagreeable sounds with ear bud, anything that gets anyone to interact over the artistic qualities of music is a good thing.

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▶ Chris Thile, right, leads the bluegrass-inspired band

THE PUNCH BROTHERS

"I REALLY FEEL LIKE WE'VE HIT OUR STRIDE."

The world bluegrass weighs heavily on Chris Thile. Thile and his band The Punch Brothers look the part, playing acoustic instrument sans drummer. But listen closer to the group's second album, Antifogmatic, and you'll find there's something different going on there.

Was it hard to let go in the songwriting process or liberating?
It's really both, but I think in this case I had so much confidence in both their ability to bring fresh ideas to the table and their ability to augment my ideas in a very helpful way. It was ultimately less painful to give up control than it normally is for someone like me. I think the boys would have to remind me on occasion like, 'Hey, let us figure some of this out.`` ... For this band I think this is the way we're going to tackle it now. I really feel like we've hit our stride as a creative entity.

This album has a lot of different textures and tempos. Is that something you were thinking about during recording?
There is no loud and fast without slow and quiet and to me a lot of modern bluegrass runs that risk just the same way as death metal bands. That music is not hardcore because they don't give you another option.

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Regis pumped for P.E.I. stint

The popular talk show host will accompany Live! to eastern Canada next week Just don't expect him to sample the local seafood

AP PHOTO

▶ Regis Philbin, left, on the set of his hit talk show with co-host Kelly Ripa, right.

When Live! With Regis & Kelly travels to Prince Edward Island next week, local shellfish delicacies will be on the menu. That's going to be tough to swallow for Regis Philbin.

He's no mussels man, as he's the first to admit and as he demonstrated a few weeks ago on Late Show with David Letterman. As for crabs, well, he's the only crab he can stand.

Sneaky Dave had a top New York chef bring out a tray of raw oysters and mussels and forced them on his old pal, skipping the sauce. "He's an animal!" says Philbin.

Did he develop a taste for the seafood? He did not.

"They were salty, they were squirmy — I feel one is still living inside my stomach and it's been a couple of weeks now."

Philbin and co-host Kelly Ripa will be confronted with a whole new sampling of seafood when they anchor four shows from Charlottetown's scenic Confederation Landing Park. The shows run July 12-15 at 9 a.m. on CTV.

It's the latest trip to Canada for the long-running daytime talk show, which has previously travelled twice to the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. Philbin and his wife Joy — who often joins him on the series — will arrive first in Canada and perform with an orchestra Friday night in Moncton's Casino New Brunswick. Philbin has played Ontario casinos in Niagara and Rama, but Moncton?

"Just the name is scaring me," Philbin says on the phone from New York. "Is there a monk in Moncton?"

The TV show hits the road two or three times a year, often travelling to Orlando and in recent years, New Orleans.

Executive producer Michael Gelman says they'd had a great time travelling to Canada in the past and were well aware they'd have "a great Canadian fan base."

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TV Picks

Galifianakis in the future

TV Before he brought his bushy beard and deadpan delivery to the 2009 hit The Hangover, Zach Galifianakis starred in the quirky black comedy "Visioneers." Set in the near future, the 2008 film sees people spontaneously combusting from stress. Galifianakis plays George Washington Winsterhammerman, who worries he's the next to blow. (Saturday, Sundance Channel)

Surfing bank robbers, 'whoa'

TV Kathryn Bigelow — who won an Oscar earlier this year for directing The Hurt Locker — helms the 1991 drama Point Break, about an FBI agent (Keanu Reeves) who infiltrates a group of surfers suspected of being bank robbers. Patrick Swayze plays the charismatic leader of the wave riders. (Saturday, CTV)

Conrad's fall from grace

TV Citizen Black is a profile of former Canadian media baron Conrad Black, who recently saw three of his mail fraud convictions set aside by the U.S. Supreme court. The doc, airing on The Passionate Eye, outlines Black's fall from grace. (Sunday, CBC NN)

Van City's seedy parts unveiled

TV The new series The Beat follows police as they patrol Vancouver's notorious Downtown Eastside community. The focus is on the Beat Enforcement Team's Squad Three, who conduct rooming-house raids, undercover sting operations and stakeouts. (Sunday, Citytv)

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Rose finds an odd home in Haven

The show may be based on Stephen King novel The Colarado Kid, but don't get caught thinking Haven is only about the supernatural

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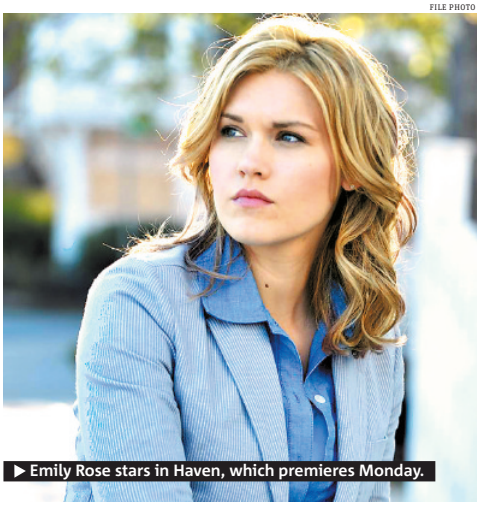

▶ Emily Rose stars in Haven, which premieres Monday.

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Playing a character with a lost past in the new series Haven was a bit of a challenge — but an interesting one — for Emily Rose.

"It's literally like telling me to play a boy, because it's something I don't know," says the actress. "One of the reasons I get to do a lot of the things I do is that I have a solid family base."

In the series, which premieres Monday night, Rose plays FBI agent Audrey Parker, a woman with a mysterious past who is sent to the small Maine town of Haven on a routine investigation.

She soon discovers the town is a refuge for people with strange supernatural afflictions, who, like Audrey, are looking for a place where they can belong.

"She is pretty surprised when she rolls into Haven and finds a connection to herself," says Rose, who formerly appeared in the series Brothers and Sisters. "She is there to solve a case, but curiosity kicks in when all these things start happening."

"I am a curious person like Audrey," Rose adds. "I am totally an eavesdropper."

Bunny hoppin'

Looking for the ideal pet? Emily Rose suggests rabbits are the way to hop.

"I was in grad school, and I was really craving a pet, and we couldn't have dogs," she says. "I didn't want a cat, so I looked into some pets, and I discovered the amazing world of bunny ownership. I have three rabbits; Samanthony Hopkins, who was my first rabbit —but he passed away recently — the second was Annie because she was an orphan and red-headed, and then my third is Rabbit Redford."

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Outlier Ultralight Summer Pants

Fashion With hot and humid temperatures constricting Eastern Canada for most of the last week, and shorts saying only so much as a fashion statement, Outlier's cool — literally — men's pants are the perfect wardrobe addition. They are made of micro-nylon fibres to create a soft inner weave to pull moisture from the body. **outlier.cc**

Bruno Mars

Music He's generating major buzz for his stellar vocal hooks on two of summer's hottest tracks (Nothin' On You, by B.o.B. and Billionaire, by Travie McCoy). But Hawaii native Bruno Mars has secretly been one of the hottest producers in L.A. for years. Due to his success, Mars will be releasing a debut studio album later this year.

The Mormon Proposition

DVD This scorching documentary about the Mormon Church and California's Proposition 8 — which would have legalized same-sex marriage — is sure to catch your interest, or anger, depending where you sit on the issue. Out on Tuesday.

Inception

Movie It looks like a match made in movie heaven: The Dark Knight director Christopher Nolan not only wrote but is also helming this drama featuring Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Ellen Page. Inception hits theatres next Friday. **inceptionmovie.warnerbros.com**

Betty White

Culture At 88 White is going to release her own 2011 calendar featuring the actress with beefcake men, animals and photos from her years of work in TV and movies. It's out in September.

Metro pick

▶ Conan O'Brien must be on Cloud 9 after his Emmy nod.

O'Brien and the Emmys

The tall redhead may have seen been booted from The Tonight Show couch, but Conan O'Brien is getting the last laugh. His tenure on the show was short, and it ended in a shroud of controversy, but it was memorable enough to garner an Emmy nomination for best variety, music or comedy series. Neither Jay Leno, who nabbed the slot back, nor David Letterman were nominated.

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Paul the octopus

Celebrity Human psychics? So pedestrian. The hottest psychic in the world has eight tentacles and lives in a fish tank. Paul the German octopus has accurately predicted the outcome of all six of Germany's World Cup games. But now that Spain has ousted the Germans, let's hope they don't decide to make a seafood schnitzel out of him.

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Mix of Six

National Arts Centre Orchestra New Music Readings
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Thursday and Friday, 3:30 to 6 p.m. National Arts Centre

Time To Put My Socks On
A one-act play created by Alan Shain and Michele Decottignies, Time To Put My Socks On is about a man with cerebral palsy who is about to celebrate his first anniversary with his non-disabled partner.
Fri- Sat, The Irving Greenberg Theatre Centre Studio

HOPE Volleyball
The 28th edition of HOPE Volleyball is back with 10,000 players and 25,000 spectators to raise money for five local charities. Hawksley Workman and local bands Amos the Transparent, Ty Hall and Hollerado will be there.
Saturday, Mooney's Bay

Roll, Skate, Pedal Against Poverty in Gatineau
To mark World Population Day, individuals and families will roll on bicycles and inline stakes to reduce hunger and extreme poverty in the developing world.
Sunday, 1 p.m., Parc Moussette in Gatineau

Bluesfest
It's the first weekend of Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest and the dozens of acts performing include Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Hole and Gord Downie and the Miracles on Friday; Metric and The Flaming Lips on Saturday, and Rush on Sunday.
All weekend at Lebreton Flats Park and the ByWard Market

Music and Beyond
Ottawa's classical music festival has a packed weekend at about a dozen different venues across the city and just across the river in Quebec.
All weekend
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Emmys chalk full of Glee

Nominations announced by Modern Family's Sofia Vergara and Community's Joel McHale

Glee, the spunky TV musical comedy about high school misfits and the teachers who shepherd them, was a top Emmy nominee Thursday with 19 bids, including for best comedy series and stars Matthew Morrison and Lea Michele.

"I'm in such shock," Michele said from New York.

The leading nominee was the gritty, unsparing World War II drama, The Pacific, with 24 nominations. But the miniseries, produced by Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks as a companion to their acclaimed Band of Brothers, failed to produce the same buzz as its European theatre of war predecessor.

FILE PHOTO

▶ January Jones was nominated for her role in Mad Men.

Out of the running for best comedy series is Two and Half Men as well as its star, Charlie Sheen, who's been charged in a domestic dispute case involving his wife. The show and Sheen have routinely been nominated in past seasons.

Besides Glee, other newcomers receiving Emmy recognition include Modern Family, with nods for best comedy series and for five members of its ensemble cast — although not linchpin Ed O'Neill as the patriarch — and The Good Wife, a nominee for best drama and recognition for star Julianna Margulies.

The most-nominated reality series were Dancing with the Stars with nine bids, The Amazing Race with seven and American Idol with six.

Jane Lynch was a double-barreled threat, with a supporting comedy actress bid for her sadistic cheerleading coach in Glee and a nod as guest actress for Two and a Half Men. She plays a therapist for Sheen's character.

Saturday Night Live received 12 nominations for a total 126 nominations during its run, surpassing the ER all-time record of 124 bids. One of the nominations went to Betty White, who at 88 proved you're never too old for comedy when she hosted the show to big ratings and applause. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The last of Lost

The final season of Lost garnered nominations for best drama series and a nod for star Matthew Fox and supporting nominations for Terry O'Quinn, right, and Michael Emerson.

All by herself? No cellmate for Lohan

Convicted actress also takes to her Twitter account to make cryptic references about human rights

When Lindsay Lohan heads to jail later this month, she'll be getting a lot of alone time. "She's getting a cell by herself," a rep for the L.A. County Sheriff's Office tells the New York Daily News. "She will be separated from the general population. She will be in a pod with other inmates in the same classification." Lohan is understandably none too thrilled about her sentence. She took to her Twitter account to ominously post, "It is clearly stated in Article 5 of the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights that, 'No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,'" though it's unclear what punishment the actress was referring to. However, media gossip website Gawker speculates she's drawing parallels between herself and Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani, an Iranian woman sentenced to death by stoning for allegedly committing adultery. The Mean Girls star linked to a Newsweek article about the case, and proceeded to leave the series of cryptic messages about cruel or degrading treatment immediately after.

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▶ Life is soooo unfair! Right, Lindsay?

Diaz sticks to the boys' club

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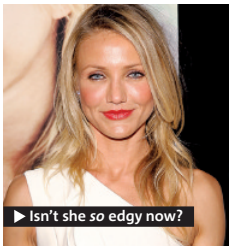

▶ Isn't she *so* edgy now?

Despite recently hinting that she finds women attractive, Cameron Diaz is only interested in the opposite sex. "I've always loved men and boys," she tells Harper's Bazaar. "I don't get hung up on what boys do. I don't have a nagging nature. I feel like I can be a woman but also relate to a man." As for her relationship with the dashing New York Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez, Diaz is playing coy, saying only, "I grew up with the Dodgers, but now I'm a Yankees fan."

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Simpson remains fetus-free

Jessica Simpson is fending off pregnancy rumours after she showed up to a West Virginia country club in a curve-hugging dress. Sources tell OK! Magazine that the singer is ready to become a mom, but that was no baby bump, as sources tell Crushable that Simpson was spotted drinking. The pregnancy rumours emerged on the heel of reports that the reality star has started dating former NFL player Eric Johnson. The pair has been seen together for the past six weeks, raising romance speculation.

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▶ But she'll gladly accept all your attention for it

Talking points

Stewart and the City

SHE'LL STAY SINGLE, THANKS. Regardless of the status of her relationship with co-star Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart doesn't have wedding bells on her mind. "Maybe I'm completely different from everyone else. There are a lot of girls who can't wait to get married and plan their wedding a long time in advance. I'm not like that," Stewart says in an interview with Germany's Tele 5. "I do want to start a family at some point, but I don't know when."

Bieber makes purity pledge

BECAUSE SEX IS, LIKE, TOTALLY GROSS. Justin Bieber is planning on saving himself for marriage, at least according to his mom. "He's expressed his desire to stay pure, and honor women, and treat women with respect. So hopefully that stays valid," Patti Mallette, mother of the 16-year-old pop star, tells E! News.

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He'll have your daughter home by 10 p.m.

Celebrity tweets

Katy Perry [@katyperry] Question: if a mosquito bites you on the neck is that cosidered a hickey as well?

Paris Hilton [@ParisHilton] So amazing, sitting outside eating lunch and there are a family of 5 Elaphants only feet away from us. So incredible!

Eliza Dushku [@elizadushku] Houses are hard. If u really start lookin at what needs fixin... Its a BIG ole can-a-worms! Sometimes literally.

Ashton Kutcher [@aplusk] I think I'm gaining weight as I type. Must exercise!

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Jolie waxes profound on love

MUST BE REAL TOUGH WITH BRAD PITT. Angelina Jolie got romantic during a recent interview with Parade magazine.

"I feel sad for someone who has never known love. Love elevates," she says. "You know, Brad would joke about me having this conversation about love. Love? It's such a funny word. Brad can find certain phrases of poetry for it. I'm terrible at it."

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▶ Being rewarded for his vast contributions to humankind

Johnson gets court payday

A jury has awarded Don Johnson $23.2 million US in profits from the TV series Nash Bridges and issued rulings that may mean even more money for the actor.

The jury award came after a two-week trial during which Johnson claimed he was owed millions in profits from the show, which aired for six seasons on CBS. Johnson attended the entire trial and personally thanked jurors after the verdict was read Wednesday.

He sued three entertainment companies — Rysher Entertainment, 2929 Entertainment and Qualia Capital — in February 2009. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Norton lifting the crowd

Celeb's website crowdrise.com combining social networking and charity to bring attention to causes

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First Fight Club, now internet do-gooder. Ed Norton, famous for his intelligent performances in roles ranging from reformed neo-Nazi to hardened police officer, spends a large chunk of his time volunteering for good causes.

Now Norton, who once persuaded fellow celebrities to run a marathon with him in order to raise money for Africa, borrows a page from Silicon Valley.

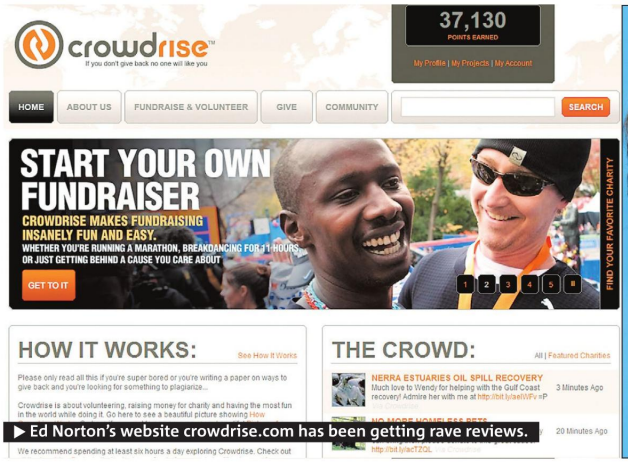
His new website, Crowdrise.com, allows users to network and donate money to their friends' charitable causes.

You're trying to harness people's generosity through Crowdrise. What's your inspiration?

It grew out of a conversation I had with the three friends who eventually launched Crowdrise with me.

We talked about the fact that the tools of social networking weren't being used as effectively as they could be.

And I had noticed that charities that were raising money the traditional way just weren't getting enough money.



▶ Ed Norton's website crowdrise.com has been getting rave reviews.

Knowing Norton

Get to know Ed

- **Favourite book:** Undaunted Courage by Stephen Ambrose
- **Best advice:** Keep your middle finger down
- **Start your day with:** The New York Times

What's your benchmark for success?

We're working on lots of different models for how we'll measure success. But essentially, I want Crowdrise to be the place people go to when they want to raise or donate money.

I don't want it to be seen as Ed Norton's website, or a website run by a celebrity, but as a website that's the best at what it does.

I'm very excited that we're already getting a lot of positive comments from people in Silicon Valley.

A number of celebrities, ihave already joined Crowdrise in order to mobilize their fans for their causes. Why are celebrities a good means of getting people involved with charitable causes?

People don't need celebrities do get involved with charitable causes, but for celebrities who're already involved and want a way for their fans to do something, too, this is a good way. The same thing goes for regular people; everyone can encourage their friends to donate. It's just nice to see that people you admire are doing something good.

3 life

Hot and spicy burger

These burgers pack punch ◗ You'll need a moderately high tolerance of heat to appreciate them ◗ Pork replaces beef as primary ingredient

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▶ Old Chengdu Snack Burgers

Preparation:

1 Combine ground pork, ground chuck, ginger, garlic, wine, peppercorns, oil, chili paste and soy sauce. Add half of the chopped peppers. Mix vigorously until all ingredients are well incorporated. If using your hands to mix, wear rubber gloves.

2 Portion mixture into balls that are slightly larger than table-tennis balls (about 2 oz each).

3 On a greased pan or a sheet of waxed paper, press each ball into a very thin but loosely packed patty.

4 Heat a grill to high. Set a cast-iron skillet over the grill. Toast flatbreads on the grill until slightly browned and crispy.

5 Grill burgers in the pan until the edges start to crisp, 5 to 7 minutes.

6 Place one patty on the bottom of a flatbread, add some of the bok choy, then place another burger on top. Top each with some of the remaining peppers, leeks and Sriracha.

Ingredients :

- 500 g (1 lb) ground pork
- 1 kg (2 lb) ground chuck, 80 per cent lean
- 75 ml (5 tbsp) finely chopped fresh ginger
- 15 to 20 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) Shaoxing cooking wine
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) Szechuan peppercorns, coarsely ground in a mortar and pestle
- 75 ml (5 tbsp) chive-infused oil or 60 ml (4 tbsp) peanut oil
- 150 ml (5 oz) Sichuan black-bean chili paste
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) dark soy sauce
- 6 to 8 fresh chilies (such as serrano, cayenne or Thai), finely chopped
- 16 flatbreads
- 85 g (3 oz) bok choy or napa cabbage, shredded
- 2 leeks, white parts only, sliced into thin rounds
- Sriracha sauce, to taste

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Don't Let Dental Problems Spoil Your Summer Vacation!

Knowing how to handle a dental emergency can sometimes mean the difference between a happy and an unhappy vacation experience.

Whether you're headed for a summer vacation within Canada, an exotic foreign destination, a cottage weekend or just enjoying the great outdoors somewhere, its smart to be prepared for any kind of dental emergency.

It's not a good idea to embark on vacation travel immediately after significant dental work has been done. **A quick pre-vacation examination at our office may be a good idea, especially if your travels take you to a remote destination.**

When travelling far from home, avoid sticky and hard exotic foods that you are not used to eating. Many dental emergencies are due to lost fillings, broken teeth or ill-fitting dentures. **Consider assembling an inexpensive dental kit to take with you on your family's vacation travels.** Dental cement compounds can replace a lost filling temporarily. Orthodontic wax protects sharp edges, especially on braces. In addition, a pair of tweezers, a small mirror, some sterile cotton, and (if applicable) a denture repair kit with adhesive may also come in handy. Finally, don't forget your toothbrush, fluoride toothpaste and floss!

If a tooth has been broken as a result of an accident or injury, rinse the mouth with warm water to keep the area clean. Use cold compresses to keep the swelling down and get to a dentist's office quickly. If the tongue or lip is bitten, clean the area gently with a cloth, and apply cold compresses to reduce swelling. **If the bleeding doesn't stop, go to a hospital emergency room at once.**

In case of a toothache, first, rinse the mouth thoroughly with warm water to clean it out. Make sure food or foreign objects aren't lodged around the tooth by using dental floss. **Do not apply aspirin or any other analgesic on the gums, or around the aching tooth because they may cause a burn on the mouth tissues and do more harm than good.** Although you can create a temporary filling, do not take any chances with a broken or abscessed tooth. **Locate a dentist as soon as possible.**

Remember to pack your dental insurance card with policy number, along with our phone number. If you encounter a problem, you can call our office for a telephone consultation and one of our doctors can help you decide whether you need to seek immediate dental care. **A hotel concierge or a local dental society are good dental referral sources too.**

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Heat wave: LeBron chooses Miami

LeBron joins Bosh, Wade to form superstar trio

LeBron James wanted to play with Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh. The only place that could happen was Miami.

Get ready, NBA: A superstar trio is born.

Ending weeks of silence and drama, the two-time MVP said on his ESPN special from Greenwich, Conn., Thursday night that he has decided to join the Miami Heat and leave the Cleveland Cavaliers after an unsuccessful seven-year quest for the championship he covets.

"I can't say it was always in my plans, because I never thought it was possible," James said. "But the things that the Miami Heat franchise have done, to free up cap space and be able to put themselves in a position this summer to have all three of us, it was hard to turn down. Those are two great players, two of the greatest players that we have in this game today."

Olympic teammates in Beijing, James, Bosh and Wade all helped deliver gold medals.

This time, it will be about a gold trophy, the NBA championship one — the one Wade got in 2006, the one James and Bosh have yet to touch.

"Winning is a huge thing for me," James said.

It's a huge victory for the Heat, who got commitments from Wade and Bosh Wednesday. That duo, along with James, formed the upper echelon of the most-celebrated free-agent period in league history.

Heat president Pat Riley landed them all, a three-pack of stars to help shape his quest for a dynasty in Miami. And for Cleveland, a city scorned for generations by some of sports' biggest letdowns, James' long-awaited words represented a defeat perhaps unlike any other.

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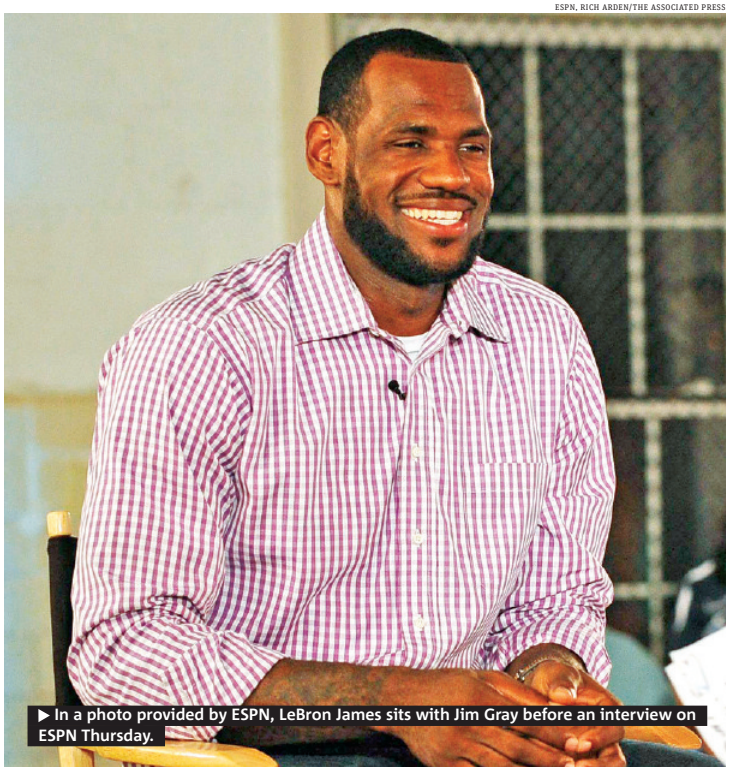

▶ In a photo provided by ESPN, LeBron James sits with Jim Gray before an interview on ESPN Thursday.

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News in brief

1 Canadian Joey Votto wins NL fan vote for all-star game.

2 Justin Morneau misses Thursday's game with mild concussion.

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Victoria's Jim Rutledge completed his record-setting performance at the Canadian PGA Seniors' Championship Thursday with a 2-under-par 70 to win the tournament by a whopping 10 strokes.

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A SENSE OF BELONGING

While the pitch is the stage and the players are the actors, it's the supporters who invariably win rave reviews at any World Cup.

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▶ Fans in Madrid react after a Spain goal.

Fans from around the globe create a sense of belonging. Scenes of hundreds of thousands celebrating, or commiserating, in Madrid, Amsterdam, Berlin, Rio de Janeiro or Seoul become etched in the mind's eye.

These are the images that can be even more compelling than a beautiful strike by Arjen Robben or David Villa. It's because they represent emotions and togetherness shared by a vast number of human beings.

To a smaller, but perhaps more diverse extent, the same kind of moments are being experienced in Canada. They occur at places like Danforth Avenue in Toronto when the Greeks scored their first World Cup victory. And at Alpen Haus in Vancouver as fans of German heritage urged on a young team in a close semifinal encounter with Spain. It seems everyone has a stake in the World Cup.

A recent study by Ipsos Reid reveals that a vast majority of Canadians polled, 78 per cent to be exact, agree that it's important for this country to have a team at the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil. Further, new Canadians say they would overwhelmingly support a squad from their adopted home over one from the place of their birth, should it come down to that kind of decision. Perhaps this is the good news that elite soccer in Canada needs. To put it simply, Canadians really care that our country is represented at the world's biggest sporting event. Looking out at the venues in South Africa you can spy Maple Leaf flags.

When cheering fans in parking lots are reflected, there is sometimes a supporter for a European or South American country who makes it plain he or she has ventured to the World Cup from Canadian shores.

The desire to be part of the action is strong in Canada. But to be a full partner, everyone understands you have to have something to cheer for. That means qualifying a team to the World Cup and doing it while interest is high.

That's when Canadians will truly feel a sense of belonging and take a leading role in the drama of the World Cup.

For now we are all part of the supporting cast.

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A classic Cup final in the making?

- Both teams have chance to earn their first World Cup championship
- Netherlands will try to complete perfect 7-0 record for the tournament

A new champion will be crowned at the World Cup on Sunday, when Spain meets the Netherlands in a final which has the potential to be a classic.

Well-organized and experienced but blessed with finesse and flair, Spain has the roster to outplay any team in the world.

The Dutch have forwards, wingers and midfielders capable of slicing through any defence.

The first World Cup final to be staged in Africa should be a memorable one if both teams bring their best game to Soccer City on Sunday (CBC, 2 p.m. ET).

Although some of its stars looked short of fitness and form in the early stages, Spain produced its best performance in Wednesday's 1-0 semifinal victory over Germany. It looked more like the squad that brushed teams aside to win the European Championship two years ago.

"We've shown that in the big moments we can grow even more," said striker David Villa, who is level with Dutchman Wesley Sneijder as leading scorer with five goals. "We should have scored more goals, but one from (Carles) Puyol has put us in the final.

"This is one of the greatest moments for Spain, for us to be in the final of the World Cup, it's history. And we want to make more history in the final."

The European champion faces a Dutch side which at times oozes class but has a habit of falling short when it really matters.

Although the Netherlands too has won a European title, that was back in 1988 and this is its first World Cup final since '78 — when it lost to Argentina in Buenos Aires.

"It's quite something to have achieved this after 32 years," coach Bert van Marwijk said. "That only really sank in right at the end of the match when I was sitting there on the bench. But we can't stop here. We have one more match to go."

Van Marwijk is striving to brush aside the tendency to choke in the late stages. The team lost finals when it probably had its best-ever team.

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▶ Spain's Sergio Ramos takes flight in the semifinal match against Germany.

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▶ Wesley Sneijder celebrates scoring a goal against Brazil.

Sneijder looks to add to trophy rack

Nowadays, success comes at such a staggering pace for Wesley Sneijder that he can't even find a spot in his agenda to properly enjoy it.

After leading Inter Milan to a triple of titles the Dutch playmaker now has a shot at an unheard-of quadruple in Sunday's World Cup final against Spain.

No European has ever done it before.

Sneijder won the Italian Cup May 5, added the Serie A title May 16 and the Champions League trophy May 22.

Now, he could add the World Cup Sunday, making for the most productive spell in European soccer history — 80 years and counting.

"They don't even give you time to think about it," Sneijder said. "Afterward, I'll have time enough to enjoy it. Now it doesn't really enter my mind."

In a tumultuous season, Sneijder is still in the running for the World Cup top-scoring title, tied at five goals with Spain's David Villa. That competition could also turn in his favour Sunday.

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Soccer in brief

Cup ratings keep going up

TV. The World Cup semifinal game between Spain and Germany attracted nearly 2.5 million viewers to CBC, making it Canada's most-watched game of the tournament. Spain's 1-0 win Wednesday afternoon drew an average audience of 2.484 million.

Praying Dutch

CHURCH. The Dutch will literally be praying for victory in the World Cup final. On Sunday morning in the village of Obdam, north of Amsterdam, the Rev. Paul Vlaar and members of his choir plan to wear orange robes for Mass before the Netherlands' match against Spain kicks off in South Africa.

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Airport brass apologizes

AIR TRAVEL. Airport management has apologized for the diverted flights that resulted in hundreds of World Cup fans missing the Spain-Germany semifinal in Durban, South Africa. Airports Company South Africa said on Thursday it was investigating how six scheduled flights could not land at King Shaka International due to air traffic congestion. At least 600 fans bound for the semifinal on Wednesday missed the game.

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No pre-game tinkering for Spain's Del Bosque

Spain coach Vicente del Bosque won't be doing much tinkering with the European champion's starting lineup for Sunday's World Cup final against the Netherlands.

"We've kept a certain block of players in these six games, so I don't think there will be many changes," Del Bosque said Thursday.

Del Bosque fielded the same starting 11 for three straight games before replacing striker Fernando Torres with Pedro Rodriguez for Wednesday's 1-0 win over Germany in which Carles Puyol scored. Pedro excelled in his first start.

"We're very happy with Pedro's work. We wanted him to attack (defender Phillip) Lahm rather than defend," Del Bosque said.

Del Bosque said Spain will stick to the attractive style of soccer that has made it the favourite going into the match at Soccer City in Johannesburg, and that Torres is likely to feature in the final.

"If he's played the first five games it's because we believe he is in good physical shape," Del Bosque said.

Puyol was still enjoying what may be the most important goal of his career, only his third in 89 internationals.

"They are moments you must experience, especially as a player who isn't used to scoring and especially in such an important game," the defender said. "But you just want to stay focused after that because there is still a lot of game left."

The 32-year-old Puyol hasn't decided yet if the final will be his last match for Spain. He has been a regular since his international debut in 2000.

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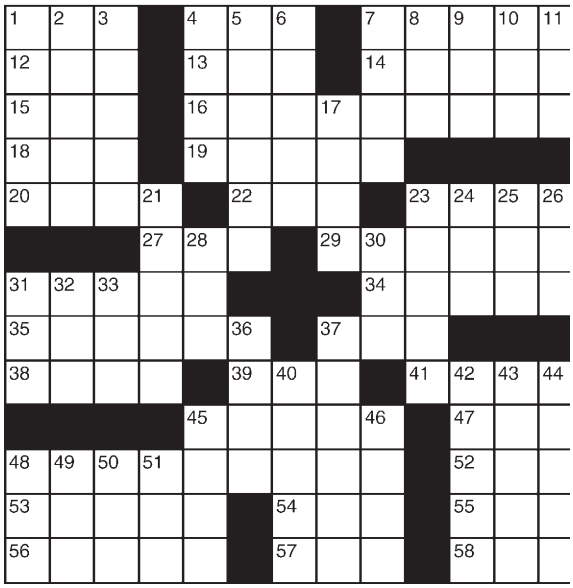

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4 Encountered
7 S. King territory
12 Greek vowel
13 Flightless bird
14 From small studio
15 Curved line
16 Ellington classic
18 By way of
19 Snag
20 Deviates off course
22 Whopper
23 Spacecraft compartments
27 "— Miserables"
29 Fool
31 Really bad
34 Heart line?
35 Reasons
37 Purchase
38 Chinatown gang
39 Shade
41 Miss America ID
45 Bridge positions
47 Dance syllable
48 Wonka's creator
52 Pitch
53 Ballade ender
54 "Holy cow!"
55 Hockey's Bobby
56 Do, biblically
57 Bygone times, in bygone times
58 Mex. monarch

Down

1 Burdensome words
2 Courtyards
3 Noisy bird
4 Netting
5 Computer letters
6 — -frutti
7 Ho Chi —
8 Moreover
9 Bachelor's last
10 Zero
11 Slithery fish
17 On the rocks
21 Threw
23 Stratagems
24 "— Town"
25 Insecticide letters
26 Vast expanse
28 Wapiti
30 — Claire, Wisc.
31 Lawyer (Abbr.)
32 Personal question
33 Half a sawbuck
36 Roe provider
37 Hallowed spot
40 Grammarian's subject
42 Thespian
43 Don't hog
44 Plague
45 Tend texts
46 Coaster
48 Roulette bet
49 Yoko of music
50 Rd.
51 Part of UCLA

▶ Yesterday's answer

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	7	2		9			1	
	3	8	1					9

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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4	5	6	3	7	2	1	8	9
1	9	3	4	6	8	7	2	5
8	7	2	9	1	5	3	4	6
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ROMO

Cookie, I am very proud of you and your accomplishments! I am so blessed to have you in my life!
LOVE, MOMMY

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MOMMY

Happy 47th Birthday my wonderful, loving fiance, Angus Mac! You are my world; you complete me! Have the bestest birthday my L'il HoneyBean! Keeses 'n Huggz! XOXOXO...
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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Follow the rules today, no matter how much effort it might take. Either you do things by the book or a loved one or work colleague will end up throwing the book at you.

♉ Taurus April 23-May 21 Use your head when dealing with people who are likely to get emotional if they think you are picking on them. Use your own powers of persuasion to win them round to your side.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Spell out what you mean in clear and simple language. If your instructions are too vague it is odds on that others will get the wrong end of the stick and, of course, they will end up blaming it on you.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you have made up your mind about something then your next step must be to just get on with it. Don't waste time wondering if it is the right decision – you make it right by acting on it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If you want to enjoy yourself this coming weekend then you need to clear the decks today. Identify what it is that needs to be done then do it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The harder you try to figure out what is going on in other people's heads the more confused you will be, so you might as well give up on it. A more important point is: what's going on in your head?

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Why are you worrying about things that may never happen? Stand back from yourself for a moment and see what it is doing to you. Life is for loving and laughing.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 No matter how hard you try to keep your opinions to yourself today they will slip out when you least expect it. Someone, somewhere is sure to be offended.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You have gone out of your way to explain to certain people what you are up to and why but the message doesn't seem to have got through. But don't let it stop you. Act fast.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Don't commit yourself too easily today, especially if others are talking up a project that for some reason doesn't seem right to you. Logically it may have a lot going for it but gut feeling is more important.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You may think you know everything there is to know about a friend or relative but they may surprise you. And maybe delight you too.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Draw up a detailed plan of what you intend to do — that way you are more likely to actually get round to doing it. And don't limit yourself to old ideas and methods.

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Great Big Sea Sets Sail once more

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Sean McCann on what he'd be doing if he wasn't in Great Big Sea: 'I'd be doing something awful. I'd probably be a lawyer. I walk away refreshed from every show, It's the best job in the world.'

JON TATTRIE
FOR METRO CANADA

Great Big Sea is back on the road with a North American tour that will include a stop at the Ottawa Bluesfest July 16. Newfoundland's top troubadours say their new album, Safe Upon the Shore, pumps out the shanty songs fans love, but with an added maturity as the band turns 17.

"I guess we're a little older, a little more mature. There is a different tone," says singer and bodhran player Sean McCann. "Our fan base has grown every year. We get bigger and bigger and we don't even know why."

While Canadian contemporaries like the Barenaked Ladies have suffered bitter band break ups, Great Big Sea has allowed its members to drift away on solo projects before floating back together. This year McCann released an album, Lullabies for Bloodshot Eyes, while Alan Doyle played a Merry Man in Russell Crowe's film Robin Hood and Bob Hallett took some time to explore his native province.

"Our fan base has grown every year. We get bigger and bigger and we don't even know why."
SEAN MCCANN

Given the tight schedules and the high cost of studio time, the band took a "guerrilla" approach to Safe Upon the Shore. Doyle's laptop and a couple of microphones served as their studio and they made much of the music on the move.

"They were recorded literally on the bus, backstage, in hockey-rink dressing rooms, shower stalls — and they sounded great," McCann says.

Major sessions were done in New Orleans and Newfoundland's Humber Valley.

McCann says the band stays together because they know how lucky they are to make music for a living and because they ride the same wave of euphoria that carries fans home after a great show.

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Safe Upon the Shore is the band's 11th album.

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▶ Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest executive director, Mar Monahan, poses with his Bluesfest car at Lebreton Flats Park.

From humble beginnings

First Bluesfest started in 1994 out of a basement Today, it's the seventh largest bluesfest in the world

TRACEY TONG
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A man as busy as Mark Monahan doesn't usually have time to sit around and reminisce.

But recently, the founder and executive director of Ottawa Bluesfest was reminded of the humble beginnings of the festival — now one of the biggest in North America and seventh largest in the world, according to Billboard Magazine — when he found a ticket stub from the festival's first year at home.

"It was $4 a day, $10 for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday," he said. "It brought back memories of how far we come."

It was 1994 when Monahan, then in the bar business, came up with the idea for Bluesfest.

"There were very few blues festivals in Canada at that time," said Monahan. "I thought it could be quite successful."

Now in 2010, Bluesfest has a budget exceeding $10 million, and features 1,200 performances over 12 days.

"I really didn't think it would happen," the 47-year-old said of the festival's wild success.

The festival's success has allowed Monahan to expand community and school-based programs, including Blues in the Schools and Be in the Band.

1994

A look back at year one

In its first year, the show, which operated on a total budget of $100,000, featured 15 acts, including saxophonist Clarence Clemons, Louisiana musician Buckwheat Ziadeco and Randy Bachman.

"In our first year, it was run out of my basement," he said. "It was long hours and there was nobody to do anything but ourselves. We had to sell the festival to the artists, and we had no history, so it was literally, 'Is anyone going to show up?'"

Between 2,000 and 3,000 people attended, but the organizers still lost money. Still, each of the directors put in their own money to run the festival again. "It was a hand-to-mouth existence," said Monahan.

But in the next few years, they made enough money to continue yearly.

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

By the numbers

- **350,000:** Number of attendees expected at this year's Bluesfest
- **325,000:** Estimated number of compostable cups to be used
- **6,314:** Number of bikes expected at the bike valet
- **225:** Number of porta-potties on site
- **10,800:** Estimated number of toilet paper rolls to be used
- **30:** Number of cigars artistic director Mark Monahan typically smokes during the festival.

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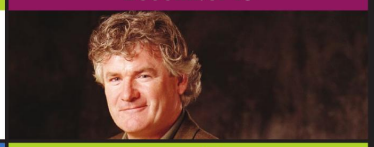

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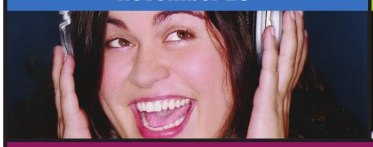

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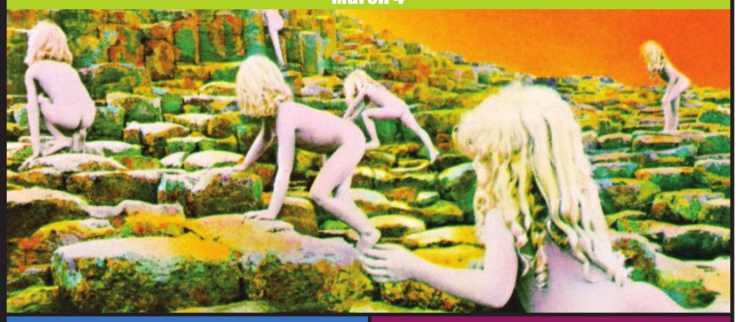

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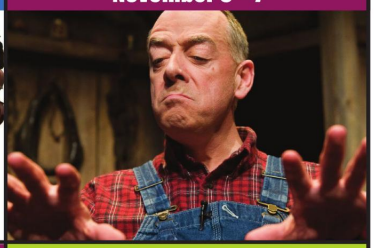

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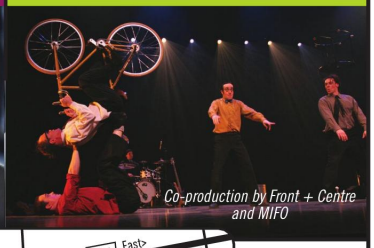

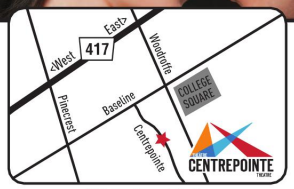

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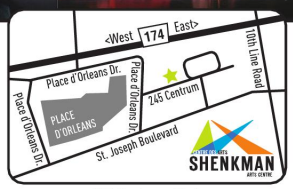

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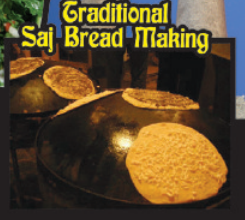

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Unaffected by fame and a Passion for music

Pit members swear they are not going to let success turn them into jerky rock stars No crazy groupie exploits for these 'normal' guys

LINDA LABAN
METRO WORLD NEWS

It's been quite a year for Passion Pit. The quintet stormed out of Boston, Mass., in May of 2009 with their synth rock debut, Manners, and has been touring the world since. The band played every major festival from Reading to Bonnaroo, and the pace shows no sign of letting up as they hit places like Canada, Japan and Mexico this summer. Passion Pit must be blown away.

"I would have been blown away if I hadn't been doing it every single day," says synth and samples man Ayad Al Adhamy. "It's like any job where you get a raise or get promoted — you're happy about it, but you're not like, 'Whoa!'"

So far, so jaded?

"When people lay it out for us and say, 'Look at what you've done,' then we think, 'Wow, that's pretty … OK, I'm nervous now.' If you don't think about it, then you just do it," he adds.

Passion Pit simply like to keep their feet on the ground.

"We're lucky in that we're pretty normal. There's two ways to go when people make music. You either do it because you love it, or you do it to get girls and be assholes. We love music. We don't want to have that other side — 'Yeah, we want to be rock stars!'"

So, no knocking back bottles of Jack Daniels on the tour bus?

"Maybe we do that, but we do it like anyone would be doing it at home."

With groupies on board?

"No, no … We don't do that at all," Adhamy insists.

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▶ Passion Pit play the Hard Rock Cafe stage on July 10 at 9 p.m.

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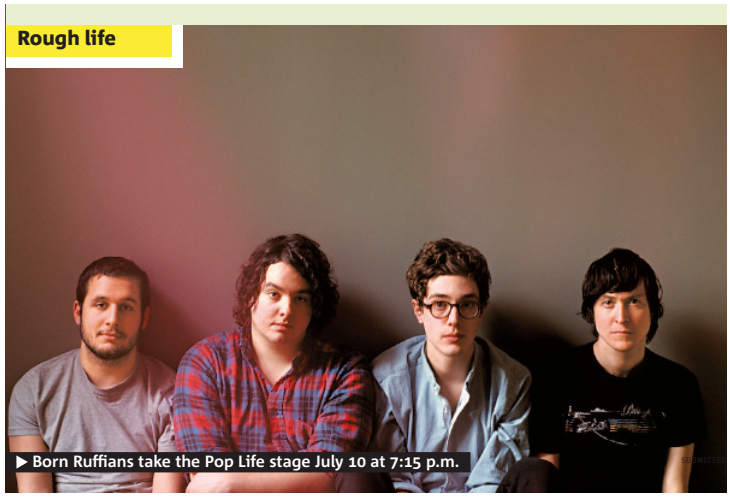
Rough life



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Time for a little crooning

Academy Award winner Kevin Costner on his second career as a country musician, why he likes Germans and why politicians should leave after one term.

ELIZABETH BRAW
METRO WORLD NEWS

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▶ Kevin Costner and Modern West take to the Claridge Homes stage July 17 at 8:00 p.m.

After Dances with Wolves, country music? Oscar winner Kevin Costner has played a colonel during the American Civil War and Robin Hood. But his new career may require even more courage:

The Academy Award winner now also plays country music, as the front man of Kevin Costner and Modern West.

You're a successful movie star. Why did you launch a career in country music?

I didn't know it would evolve to this point. I started playing a bit, and my wife encouraged me, and more and more people started coming to my gigs.

I love singing my own sings, but I never thought I'd be touring and making albums.

Do country musicians get less respect than Hollywood actors?

I don't look to anyone else for confirmation; I just go out and give people a good show. People in Europe, Germans in particular, are very appreciative. The Germans are actually why I started doing music more seriously. I'll direct a Second World War movie this fall and went to Germany last year to meet with some actors.

My band and I scheduled some gigs and lots of people turned up, and now we're back, playing in larger venues. That's what I like about the Germans: They don't care what anyone else thinks; if they like you, they invite you back.

With record sales declining, isn't music a dying business?

Anyone can make an album, but a good musician can play live. As a matter of fact, I was the only member of my band who didn't want to make an a record because I knew that I'd be scrutinized in a way that most musicians are not. But in the end I gave in. We're releasing our second album this month.

In the 2008 film you starred in Swing Vote, about an unemployed man whose vote determines the entire presidential election. In real life, you supported Barack Obama, telling college students to get involved with politics because your generation failed to save the world. How do you want Generation Y to change it?

People have to force politicians to drop their egos and make decisions for future generations. We have too many people in politics who are just concerned about one future: Their own. Politicians should only be allowed to stay in office for one term.

Quick questions

▶ **Best advice you've been given:** Stop talking and start doing

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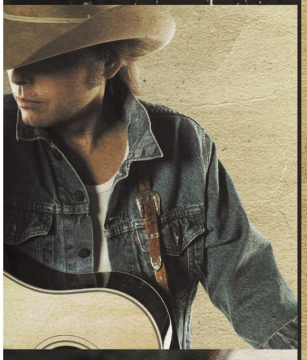

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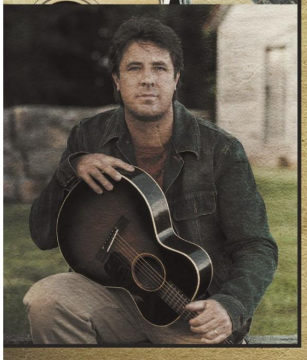

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A homecoming like no other for local acts

The Love Machine makes its third appearance at Bluesfest • Robert Farrell says it's the first time he's been chosen for the high-profile event

TIM WIECLAWSKI
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Despite playing hundreds of gigs in bars and clubs around Ottawa, Bluesfest is a homecoming like no other for local acts.

"For us, Bluesfest is one of the coolest things in Ottawa," said Jordan David, vocalist and bass player from The Love Machine.

"As far as a showcase, it's great because the status of the show."

The quartet is making their third appearance at Bluesfest.

Being able to play in front of the audience that the festival attracts is a rare experience for bands that mostly play clubs and bars.

"We have a really strong following in Ottawa, but with Bluesfest comes a lot of new people who may not have heard of us," said David. "So in that aspect, it's great for making new fans."

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▶ The Love Machine take the stage July 10 at 2:45 p.m.

Local fever

▶ **Robert Farrell Band** hits the Hard Rock Cafe stage at 2:45 p.m., July

Even for a better-established act like Robert Farrell, Bluesfest is a unique experience.

"Playing Bluesfest is a far more high-profile event than most. Most of the gigs I've played, I've had to set up myself and I just go out and play," said Farrell, who has released several albums. "They are not usually affiliated with anything else, so it's hard to get any other benefit than just getting out and play for your fans."

Although he's been playing in Ottawa for over a decade, this is the first time he's played at Bluesfest.

"There are so many local acts that apply every year, I usually get passed over but for some reason, this year I got in," he said. "I'm more toward hard rock."

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▶ L. Poushinsky plays the Barney Danson theatre July 10 at 2:30 p.m.

This won't be Lisa Poushinsky's first time playing at Bluesfest, but it's her first time performing as L. Poushinsky.

Aside from the opportunity to open for the Flaming Lips July 10, at 4 p.m., the Bluesfest gig is a chance to actually pay her backing band what they deserve to be making, she said.

World music

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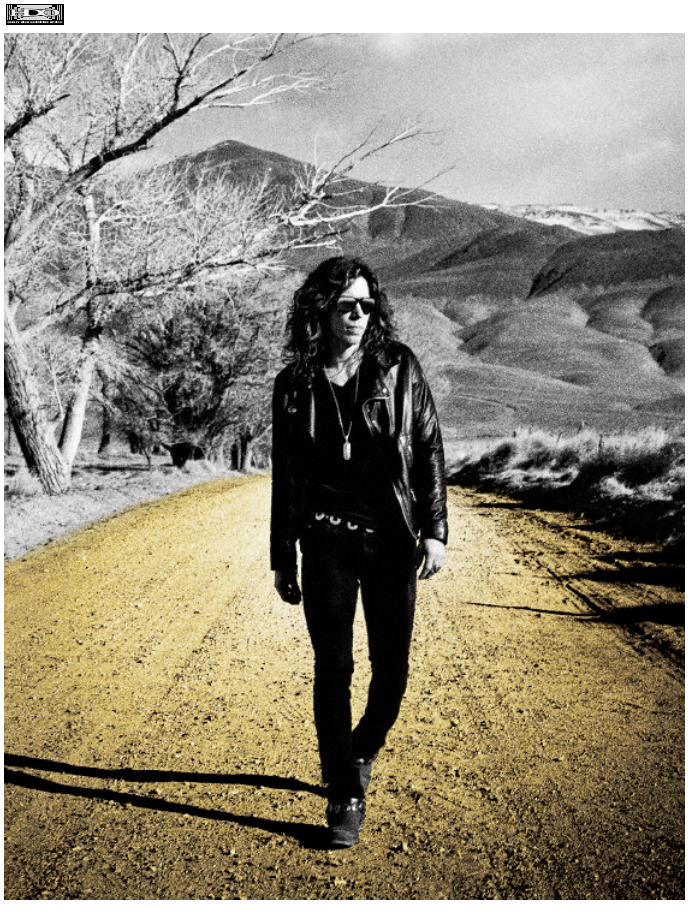

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With all their power

Coyne on live shows and what makes the Lip so hot ◐ Extraordinary musical skill likened to being supermodel

PAT HEALY
METRO WORLD NEWS

Wayne Coyne has helped make a Flaming Lips show the weirdest party in rock music since George Clinton descended onto the stage in a flying saucer in the '70s.

In concert, Coyne can be seen bleeding all over his white suit, walking atop audiences in a plastic bubble, and assembling battles between groups of Santa Clauses and aliens. But what really impresses Coyne is not theatrics, but the music itself.

It's showtime

- The Flaming Lips put on a show on the MBNA Bank of America stage July 10 at 9:30 p.m.

"I got a call from my wife's little sister, or she e-mailed us when she was at Bonnaroo (in 2009), saying 'I'm watching Wilco and it's f—ing amazing,'" he says. "And I thought, 'Cool, they're going to be here tomorrow, I'll go by and see it.' And I have to say I was just obliterated. I stood on the side of the stage while that guitarist Nels played. He was just insane!"

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▶ In concert Wayne Coyne, front, can be seen walking atop audiences in a plastic bubble

"My brain didn't form in the right way when I was young ... I don't despair about it"
WAYNE COYNE

Coyne speaks with the unjaded enthusiasm of a teenager just discovering music. And in many ways, that's exactly what he is.

"I would say when we talk about extraordinary musical skill, there's an element of that that's kind of like being a supermodel," he says. "You either have it — you're tall and you've got a certain thing — or you don't, and I know that only because I've been around extraordinary musicians, and I know I don't have it."

He credits much of the Lips' success with the arrival of drummer/multi-instrumentalist Steven Drozd in 1992, almost 10 years into the band's existence.

"After Steven got in the band, I thought, 'We're gonna go off on another trip here, we're going to make emotional, powerful music that communicates different things that has a different skill level!'" exclaims Coyne.

It's not that Coyne is especially humble — he'll be the first to tell you how much he loves Flaming Lips — it's that he feels like he's in a band where every member has found their perfect place.

"As much as I can learn and explore and just find ideas myself, I'm never gonna be able to play music like someone like Steven can," he says. "My brain didn't form in the right way when I was young. And I know that. I don't despair about it. Steven's ability runs into a quagmire of endless decisions sometimes. My inability arrives at no other solution other than the one I want to pursue, and I think that single vision paired with that endless vision of what can be is where our power comes from."

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Some heavyweight help

Weezer give gratitude for Ratitude collaborators

PAT HEALY
METRO WORLD NEWS

Weezer thought about collaborating with the Jonas Brothers.

"It was the first time we all looked at each other and said 'no, that's too crazy, even for us,'" says singer Rivers Cuomo.

Such a partnership probably wouldn't be crazy enough to surprise fans though, as recent Weezer wingmen have included such disparate talents as Kenny G and Lil Wayne, the latter of whom raps that he hopes "the killer doesn't take the life of the party" on the track Can't Stop Partying on the band's most recent release, Raditude.

"It shows that Lil Wayne really understood what I was trying to do with the song," he says of the Weezer/Weezy duet. "It started out as this hip-hop party jam, and I couldn't stand behind that 100 per cent and feel authentic, so I changed the music, put it in a minor key, and gave it a very haunting feel, which really changed the lyrics without having a change of words. It really puts an ironic twist on the lyric about partying because it is so sad and desperate sounding, and Lil Wayne makes that explicit in the last line of his rap."

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Blackburn and Cat Empire two not to miss

Blackburn could provide the best entertainment at the fest ◆ Cat Empire is huge in Australia, hoping to up their profile in Canada

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
FOR METRO OTTAWA

From the Arcade Fire to Dream Theatre there are a lot of big name bands playing the festival circuit this summer.

But it's the lesser-known acts, like Toronto blues band Blackburn, that could provide the best entertainment.

The group, which consists of three brothers and one "brother from another mother" as lead singer Duane Blackburn puts it, has been playing music together for years.

They released their first record in 1996, but only in Asia — their latest, Brotherhood, is their first album to get a Canadian release and it's garnering a lot of buzz.

The album, which blends straight up blues with funk and R&B, has got them spots playing various festivals including the Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest and Toronto's Beaches Jazz Festival.

"It's our first year in Ottawa," says an excited Blackburn.

"We hear it's a big crowd with a real good sound."

Blackburn says that the foursome's live show will be different than what's in the record.

"We have horns and percussion live, which isn't on the CD. We're going to lay in some James Brown blues stuff with funky fusiony blues."
DUANE BLACKBURN

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"We're going to lay in some James Brown blues stuff with funky fusiony blues."

Another act taking the Bluesfest stage is the better-known Cat Empire.

The band is huge in their native Australia, though they haven't made it as big in Canada.

The six-piece will play tracks off their eclectic new record Cinema.

Like Blackburn, the group fuses genres, though in Cat Empire's case it's more of the rock, pop and jazz variety.

Harry Angus, the band's vocalist and horn player, says the reason why their gigs are so good — and they are famous for their live performances — is thanks to the crowd.

"We rely on our mythology as a live show," he says.

"The reason it works is only half from us and half of what the audience brings.

"People come expecting a great show so it happens. It's an amazing kind of collaboration."

As excited as Blackburn and Cat Empire are to play, they're also looking forward to seeing the rest of the acts.

"I like it all," says Blackburn, while Angus says one of his greatest memories is seeing Randy Newman play the Winnipeg Folk Festival.

"Hopefully a show like that can happen again," he says.

▶ Australia's Cat Empire takes the Hard Rock Cafe stage July 13 at 9:30 p.m.

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- Blackburn's career had an unusual start. Their debut disc sold well — about 20,000 sales — but only in Southeast Asia. "I have stacks of magazines with write-ups, but they're all in Chinese," says frontman Duane Blackburn.
- The disc wasn't released in Canada. They signed to a Southeast Asian label who only wanted to distribute it in that part of the world. It was strange situation says Blackburn. "We were in the top 10 there, but couldn't get interest in North America."
- That's changed with their new album, Brotherhood. "We got a nice write-up in Rolling Stone," says an still excited Blackburn.
- Cat Empire's new record, Cinema, has already hit #3 on the Australian charts, but the Aussie' band's sixth disc almost didn't happen.
- "I never wanted to play with this band again," says Harry Angus, the group's co-vocalist and horn player. "I never wanted to leave home."
- After 10 years of playing together the six-piece were, simply, sick of each other. But after two years apart they toured Canada and Europe and rekindled their flame. "We rediscovered how much fun this band could be," he says.

Bluesfest brings out Star Power

Stars, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Crowded House and Rosanne Cash just a few of the mega watt acts playing this year's festival

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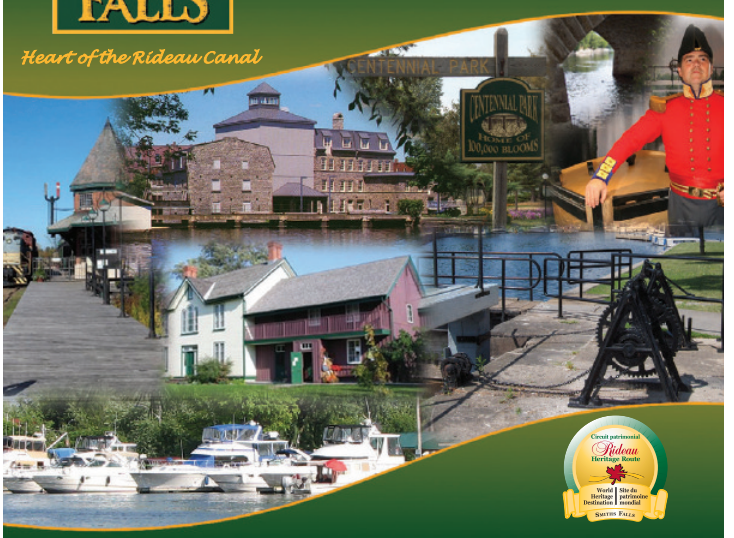

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▶ Musician Garratt Mason likes having fresh ears to play to.

Mason follows his blues heart

▶ Juno award winning musician loves playing in Ottawa ▶ Son of blues legend Dutch Mason hopes to continue carrying his dad's musical legacy

RAF BRUSILOW
FOR METRO OTTAWA

Juno-award-winning blues man Garrett Mason speaks softly, but he plays a mean guitar.

The son of Canadian blues legend Dutch Mason, Garrett has carved out his own path by putting his soul into the music and staying true to himself. He plays the Subway stage on July 11.

Q: You've played Bluesfest before, what brings you back to the city?
A: I love playing Ottawa and the festival brings in everyone I want to see. I have a few friends from around there so I always go around a bit. I really want to see Levon Helm and his band — we're playing the same stage as him the same day.

Q: How did winning the Juno for Best Blues Album in 2005 affect you?
A: It brought me from getting no gigs to getting a lot of gigs, it really springboarded my whole career. I got the recognition before I got the experience but I've learned a lot and been on the road a lot.

Q: What's the biggest thing you've learned along the way?
A: The main thing I've learned is don't listen to anybody. Often people have made their own mistakes their own way. I feel I should just follow my heart and make my own mistakes and learn from them. I also think you should take from all things in the past, learn from them and try to create something new. I don't think I've done that yet but that's what I'm striving for.

Q: What do you love about playing live?
A: I like having fresh ears to play to. We're not a big name band, people don't know all of our songs so we have a bit of a challenge to win over the crowd and I kind of like that. When the sound is good on stage and it translates to the crowd, you have moments on stage you'll never forget.

Q: Your father, Dutch Mason, was a Canadian blues legend. Despite that fact that you play a different style of blues, do you still feel that in a way you're carrying his legacy?
A: I think I'll be carrying on his legacy as long as I'm on the road playing music. I've never tried to be like him, I've tried to do my own thing. A long time ago he told me not to be like anyone else, to try and find my own direction. That's the best piece of advice I've ever had.

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What's your best memory from Bluesfest?

Ryland Slattery
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Two years ago, I saw Kanye West. There were about 15 of us in a group. We got to sit right up front in the gold circle. We had a blast and we had beer, so that made it even better.

Taylor Foley
OTTAWA
When I was 14, I saw the Black Eyed Peas. There were so many people there and there was so much energy that it stopped being about watching the concert and just about being in the crowd and enjoying the music.

Philip Downer
OTTAWA
The White Stripes. Jack White put on a good show. The setup of the stage was really cool. They added a catwalk at the back.

Devon Fraser
OTTAWA
Watching Zappa Plays Zappa. The range of that guy's voice is so great. He goes from really low to really high. It was out of control, ridiculous.

"Three years ago I went to see the White Stripes with my sister ... We couldn't see the stage. It didn't matter, though, because the atmosphere was so good."
BRANDON RUSHTON, OTTAWA

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Woodhands takes a light touch

Latest release, Remorsecapade takes off where there 2008's critically acclaimed album Heart Attack left off

BRIAN TOWIE
FOR METRO OTTAWA

Note to the good folks at Pitchfork, the independent music website: Relax, people, Woodhands is only kidding you.

The Toronto-based indie electro-rock duo of keytarist Dan Werb and drummer Paul Banwatt has gained a bit of attention in March for the track P'iss off of their Z-Side release, a hip-hop-style track that declares that the music media site "doesn't care about black people" and claims it has "content so thin it needs to eat a sandwich." Scandalous at first listen, but nothing but a goof, claims Werb.

"It's not a hate thing," he says during a phone interview from his native town of Vancouver. "We love diss albums and wanted an excuse to sample Kanye West on something and that seemed to be the easiest way."

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▶ Woodhands livens up the Subway stage July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

"Though they do tend to not pay enough attention to underground hip-hop," adds Banwatt. "They have all this extensive coverage of indie rock but whenever they cover rap, it's all the mainstream stuff."

Point taken, but the pair argues that P'iss is far too jokey to be included on their latest release, Remorsecapade. The third full-length in the canon aggressively picks up where 2008's critically acclaimed Heart Attack left off, this time with a balance of coked-up (just an adjective!) momentum of gritty synths, relentless, sweaty drumming and emotionally invasive balladeering.

"We were trying to push it that much further than we did before," says Werb, a jazz-trained pianist. "We got to a particular place with Heart Attack where we gained a lot of confidence and we could really put ourselves out there musically. So we decided on something a lot more intense, vulnerable and real. But it's still a dance album, after all."

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Iron Maiden fan sheds light on bands appeal

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Iron Maiden, the undisputed global king of heavy metal, is marching across the planet once more in search of the Final Frontier.

The mega-band turns 35 this year and is celebrating with its 15th studio album, The Final Frontier, to be released on Aug. 16, and a summer tour across North America and Europe that will thrill 350,000 fans, including a stint at the Ottawa Bluesfest this week.

With little mainstream airplay, unreconstructed 1980s power chords and endless images of death, the British band remains mysterious to those outside its legions of followers.

Michael Spicewood, an Ottawa fan, sheds light on the appeal. His Facebook profile picture shows an intimidating man dressed head-to-toe in leather, including a leather apron and face mask.

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▶ Iron Maiden turns 35 this year

Yet when he misses a scheduled interview, he writes, "Oh my goodness! I completely forgot. I'm very sorry."

The 22-year-old says Maiden's pull spans the generations.

"I think it really appeals to older people. It's something they grew up with and it's still in place. New people still find the sound as good, if not better, than anything that's around now," he says.

For Spicewood, Maiden is about the story as much as the sound.

He says the new single El Dorado continues that work.

"It goes back to the old style of Iron Maiden's more adventure-fantasy. You have a feeling there's a story line behind a lot of their songs," he says.

26 the number of musicians who have been in the band at one point or another.

"Eddie has changed a bit for this tour, but it is possibly the most outrageous one to date. I can't say too much about him as I don't want to spoil the surprise, but I guarantee he will scare the hell out of you."
STEVE HARRIS, ON THE BAND'S MASCOT EDDIE THE HEAD

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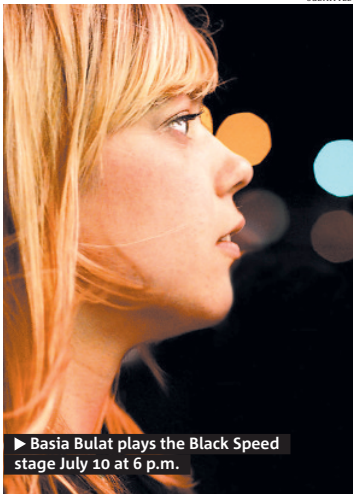

▶ Basia Bulat plays the Black Speed stage July 10 at 6 p.m.

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▶ Keith Urban croons on the MBNA Bank of America stage July 17 at 9:30 p.m.

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▶ Courtney Love and Hole rock the Claridge Homes stage July 9 at 8 p.m.

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▶ Bjorn Berge plays the MBNA Bank of America stage July 17 at 3 p.m. and the Barney Danson Theatre stage July 18 at 4 p.m.

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	7:15 PM	Phantogram	POP LIFE STAGE ON YORK STREET
	8:00 PM	Maria Hawkins Blues Band	Mercury Lounge
	8:30 PM	Wintersleep	POP LIFE STAGE ON YORK STREET
	10:00 PM	John Carroll and the Epic Proportions	The Chateau Lafayette
	10:00 PM	JW Jones	The Rainbow
	10:30 PM	Tyler Kealey and Sultans of Gin	Fat Tuesdays
July 10	4:00 PM	The Lucky Ron Show	The Chateau Lafayette
	4:00 PM	Hot Jupitor	The Rainbow
	6:00 PM	Peter Voith Trio	POP LIFE STAGE ON YORK STREET
	7:15 PM	BORN Ruffians	POP LIFE STAGE ON YORK STREET
	8:00 PM	Florquestra Brasil	Mercury Lounge
	8:30 PM	TOKYO POLICE CLUB	POP LIFE STAGE ON YORK STREET
	10:00 PM	MonkeyJunk	The Rainbow
	10:30 PM	Tyler Kealey and Dave Kalil	Fat Tuesdays
July 11	4:00 PM	Open Jam with Smokestack Lightening	The Rainbow
	6:00 PM	Amanda Rheaume	POP LIFE STAGE ON YORK STREET
	7:15 PM	The Sadies	POP LIFE STAGE ON YORK STREET
	8:30 PM	Doc Walker	POP LIFE STAGE ON YORK STREET
	9:00 PM	Folk Night hosted by Brad Morden	The Chateau Lafayette
	10:00 PM	Mean Dog Howl & Al Wood and the Woodsmen	The Rainbow
July 12	6:00 PM	JW Jones Blues Band	POP LIFE STAGE ON YORK STREET
	7:15 PM	Jason Collett	POP LIFE STAGE ON YORK STREET
	8:30 PM	City and Colour	POP LIFE STAGE ON YORK STREET
	9:00 PM	John Carroll Show	The Chateau Lafayette
	10:00 PM	Tim Bastmeyer*	The Rainbow
	8:00 PM	Florquestra Brasil	Mercury Lounge
	10:00 PM	MonkeyJunk	The Rainbow
	10:30 PM	Tyler Kealey and Dave Kalil	Fat Tuesdays
July 13	6:00 PM	Jeff Rogers	POP LIFE STAGE ON YORK STREET
	7:00 PM	Romance in the Courtyard	Courtyard Restaurant
	7:15 PM	Junior Brown	POP LIFE STAGE ON YORK STREET
	8:30 PM	Taj Mahal	POP LIFE STAGE ON YORK STREET
	9:00 PM	Open Mic Night ft. John Carroll	The Chateau Lafayette
	10:00 PM	The Dusty Drifters	The Rainbow
July 14	4:00 PM	Dr Dave	The Rainbow
	9:00 PM	John Carroll Show	The Chateau Lafayette
	10:00 PM	The Lindsay Ferguson Trio	The Rainbow
July 15	4:00 PM	Kiinexa Cross	The Rainbow
	8:00 PM	Tambura Rasa	Mercury Lounge
	10:00 PM	Reggae with Roots Movement	The Rainbow
	10:00 PM	MonkeyJunk	The Rainbow
	10:30 PM	Tyler Kealey and Dave Kalil	Fat Tuesdays
July 16	4:00 PM	The Frank James Band	The Rainbow
	8:00 PM	King Sunshine	Mercury Lounge
	10:00 PM	BluesVille Express	The Rainbow
July 17	4:00 PM	The Lucky Ron Show	The Chateau Lafayette
	4:00 PM	Hot Jupitor	The Rainbow
	10:00 PM	MonkeyJunk with special guest: Jumpin' Johnny from New Orleans	The Rainbow
July 18	4:00 PM	Open Jam with L'il Al	The Rainbow
	9:00 PM	Folk Night hosted by Brad Morden	The Chateau Lafayette
	10:00 PM	Jesse Greene Band	The Rainbow

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